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WE KNOW very little. We BELIEVE a great deal. I have believed many things and have shed most of them when they failed to meet the acid test. As long as I remain healthy, I expect to chuck many more beliefs and try out new ones. I am always ready to swap belief for knowledge. Progress consists in discarding worn-out concepts and reaching out for new ones. Anyway—here's what I BELIEVE, —NOW:

I BELIEVE in an Infinite Intelligence. Otherwise, where did you and I get the small amount we brag about?

I BELIEVE that if we keep in tune with the Finite, the Infinite will take care of Itself,—and the Finite too.

I BELIEVE that it is supremely asinine for the Finite to attempt to *define* Infinite.

I BELIEVE that NOW, is the only thing we possess absolutely and that it is the most precious thing, we *can* possess.

I BELIEVE that my physical body is undoubtedly the only one I shall wear in this incarnation at least, and that it is better to stick around it than to attempt to crash the gates of Heaven on an astral marathon under the influence of an occult jag.

I BELIEVE that if we had sense enuf to take the blinders off ourselves as well as off what few horses continue to exist, we would be able to discern things spiritual even while we are mortal: archaic, illogical, unscientific doctrines, dogmas and theological formulae being the blinders.

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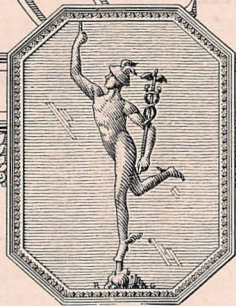
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I BELIEVE that this will be about all—just NOW.

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THE HEALING POWER OF THE ROSE

The Mystical Factor in the Great Symbol of the Rosicrucians

By FRANCIS MAYER



HE old-time prospector bent on discovering gold valued highly the many virtues of his humble assistant, the patient ass. Likewise, the Rosicrucian, bent to discover the gold of the alchemists, might profitably become familiar with the symbolism of the ass, because, after finding that ass in himself, he can find the gold sought for, also in himself. It is significant that this allegedly stupid quadrupede was selected to carry Dionysos and, later on, Jesus, on their triumphal rides; that the astronomers honored it with a place amidst the stars of the constellation Cancer, while the Roman Catholic church accepted it as one of the symbols of Jesus. Neither did later esoterists drop the ass. Agrippa refers to it as an expressive symbol of the *materia prima* of the alchemists, while Maier packs important arcana into the description of the parentage of the mules. The very fact, indeed, that this most constant bearer of the cross is considered by the masses to be the most stupid among the domestic animals, which the ass certainly is not, might attract the investigation-minded

Rosicrucian, who recollects the motto to which Christian Rosenkreutz, the hero of the Chymical Marriage, gives such a prominence: "*Summa scientia nihil scire*", highest science to know nothing.

The eminently spiritual, which means intellectual, character of this foolish motto, that has by no means lost its validity, will be elucidated further on. Before this, the relations of the ass to the healing power of the Rose have to be investigated, as they are revealed in the masterpiece of Apuleius: "*Metamorphoses*, or the Golden Ass."

This work is *read*, perhaps more than *understood*, so it will be sufficient to recapitulate its *Leitmotive*. A young man, of the tribe of the Sons of Light, as is indicated by his name Lucius, travels to Thessalia the center of the art of magic, altho mostly of the black variety. He wants to learn and is evidently acquainted with the Platonic procedure how to gain immortality by ascending, step after step, toward communion with Beauty in Itself. For he starts ardently on the lowest rung of his long ladder, which is knowing Beauty in its embodied forms, by falling in love with Photis the pretty handmaid of his hostess, who is a young heart in a not-young body and intensifies her ad-

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ventures with the means the higher kind of sorcery offers. *Phos* is Greek and *Lux* is Latin for light, so the names Photis and Lucius indicate a natural affinity between the two.

The practical initiation into the lesser mysteries of the lowest rung and of magic, conferred by Photis on Lucius proceeds, until the latter becomes airminded in the old Thessalonian sense. He wants to be able to transform himself at will into a bird, soar freely above the clouds and forget that man is an earthbound animal. He begs Photis to administer to him the unguent which the sorceress uses for the same purpose. Unfortunately, however, Photis selects the wrong jar, and our hero instead of a free bird becomes an ass. Some such metamorphoses are said to happen even nowadays, whenever affinities try the Platonic ladder and tarry too long on the first rung. But times change. Only the body of Lucius turned into the body of an ass, his mind remained a human mind, producing human thoughts, while it is said that in modern cases the body of the man remains human and the mind undergoes the unexpected transformation.

Photis assured Lucius that the misfortune could be remedied easily, he was to eat a few roses only and they would restore his human form. Adverse circumstances prevented him, however, from using this simple remedy, so he had to go thru a long series of asinine adventures, in which his ass-body constantly suffered and his human mind was even more tormented. Esoterically considered, this part of the tale means that his soul underwent the torments of the purifying fire, an inner purgatory, into which every soul must automatically step as soon as it starts to follow the narrow way of ascension toward perfection. Apuleius indicates the resulting inner transformation by the insertion of the story of Amor and Psyche, that itself is a complete initiation, but especially by that part of the narrative in which Lucius resolves to sacrifice his life that he may save a virgin retained by robbers.

When his sufferings became unbearable, Lucius purified himself by submerging seven times into the sea and invoking

Isis to save him. This Great Mother appeared and assured Lucius that, moved by his prayers, she at the same moment instructed her high priest to give him next chance to get the needed roses. Lucius ate them, was restored, and in time became an initiate of the Isiac mysteries. Apuleius does not, however, explain what quality gives to the roses this miraculous power; he probably presumed that the *arcanum*, offered by the handmaid of a sorceress yet verified by the goddess too, was already known by his readers.

So we have to take up Goethe who reveals this *arcanum* in the last act of his *Faust*. There, upon orders of Mephistopheles, a bunch of minor devils gathers to snatch away the departing soul of the dying Faust. But a choir of angels descends too, strewing roses toward the devils, chases them back to hell and carries the soul of Faust to its home, where "love guides lovers only." The roses strewn by the angels are described as of dazzling brilliancy and distribute balsam that enlivens secretly. They are "flames that dispense love" of the heavenly kind, yet are so hot that even Mephistopheles is cornered by them. His head, heart and liver are burning and his whole body is heated up by this "superdiabolical" influx, and he asks amazed: "Is this the element of love?" He curses the flames, but the angels sing: "Holy glows! Around whom they hover feels blissful with the beatified."

Thus Love, the divine love, the cosmic power that moves the sun and the other stars (Dante) and which, according to Plato, is the physician of the universe, gives the healing power to what the Rose symbolizes. Its application not only to healing, or restoring, the soul but also for curing bodily ills, was a widespread belief in antiquity. Aelian recorded of the famous Aspasia, who later became queen of Persia, that as a young girl she had a tumor on her face that became thereby distorted. She was despairing until she saw, in a dream, a dove that told her to pulverize one of the roses that decorated the statue of Venus but had dried up, and to apply this powder on the tumor. She did so and the tumor

disappeared. Medical records of cures directed by somnambulists explain the possibility of such a "miracle" in a quite natural way.

The story of Apuleius describes nothing supernatural either, nothing mysterious, if only the reader knows what *Rose* means in esoteric symbolism. So let us continue the investigation in this direction.

The Zohar states, right on its first page, that the Rose is a symbol of Israel (in one sense: all initiates regardless of creed or nationality). also that its five petals mean the five letters of the name of the Creator: ALHYM (Elohim). Furthermore that these five petals refer to the five fingers with which the cup of wine has to be lifted up when the blessing is said upon it; whereby it becomes like a rose and the "cup of salvation" (*Ps. CXVI* 13), which carries the mystery of the Light that was created ("Let there be light") but after the creation was hidden again, for this Light is the seed, the divine fecundating principle, that permeates the Rose and makes it fecund.

This is the concept of the Jewish Kabbala, but it is also the generally accepted concept, for its presence is evident in the first chapter of *John* and can be checked up from the statements of other esoterists. Here is, for instance, Dante, who was not a Kabbalist but who first revealed the Rose as the prototype of the *Collegium Spiritus Sancti* (Israel in the general sense of this term) in the XXX and XXXI *can.* of his *Paradiso*. He places the Rose in the empyrean, "which is pure light, intellectual light full of love." There he beheld "the one and the other militia of Paradise", i. e. the angels and the beatified souls "of such from among the *ours* (*di noi*) who returned there". Into that realm of light a special light radiates that makes the Creator visible to the created, and it shines in a circle so wide that it would form a loose girdle around the sun. This is "the sempiternal Rose" in the "yellow center" of which is standing the "saint militia" (*ordo sanctissimus*), as a "convent of white stoles" forming a "white rose".

The divine intellectual light full of love, which is the fundamental trait of the Rose, is depicted too by another Rosicrucian but who was also a Christian Kabbalist, Dr. Heinrich Khunrath of Leipzig, in his *Amphitheatrum Sapientiae aeternae*. It is in the form of a pentacle, i. e. a whole doctrine symbolized in a single emblem, that covers two small-folio pages, but unfortunately for the present purpose it is packed so full with inscriptions that there is no space here for a complete description. It will be sufficient, however, for our purpose to state that the central figure of this pentacle is Jesus crucified, altho the usual wooden cross is missing. But the figure has not on even the conventional loin-cloth, to indicate its entirely spiritual character, while the cruciform posture of the body of Jesus, upright with horizontally extended arms and with one foot upon the other, signifies that for the spirit the flesh-body is the real cross.

The figure of Jesus is placed in the center of a flaming rose, the radiation of which distinctly shows five petals. Underneath the feet of Jesus, but still inside of the rose, flies with spread wings and with a tiara upon its head a flaming dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit. Inside of the rose around the body of Jesus a circle is drawn, the center of which is also the center of two other circles, one of which is larger than the other but both of them are luminous. The whole emblem represents, therefore, the creating Logos as a center that develops its circumferences, which are the three created worlds, Mental, Sidereal, Elemental.

This pentacle of Khunrath covers the essential points given by the Zohar as well as by Dante concerning the Rose. As the Logos, Jesus is identical with the creating *Elohim*. The mystery of the creative Light, that fecundating principle that penetrates the Rose and gives it power is indicated by the fact that the center of the three concentric circles, identical with the *yellow* of the Rose in which the white stoled militia is gathered, is precisely at the place of the generative organ of the Crucified. There is also the light intellectual, full of love, because the

Logos as the second person of our Trinity corresponds to the second person of the Jewish Trinity, who is the second Sephira, *Chochmah* (i. e. Wisdom, identical with the *Sophia* of the *Gnosis*), and because the divine dove, symbol of the Holy Ghost, is the manifestation of the divine love.

For the individual seeker, who is sufficiently developed to be admitted into the convent of that white stoled militia, that intellectual light means illumination. And that plenitude of divine love means toward God direct recognition, while the love toward all beings in creation (love thy neighbor) that are less developed means compassion, the virtue of the gods, that gives at the same time to its possessor the greatest power a man could ever wield. For that power penetrates less developed souls and thereby conquers them. A very small degree of this power can be observed in the successful pastor or priest and in doctors, whose sympathy toward the members of their congregation or their patients establishes a soul communion with them, the consequence of which is full mutual understanding and the possibility to enter their souls and direct them or heal them from inside. It would be useless to try to explain the higher degrees of this power, for they could be practised only by those who have already entered that grade of inner development to which direct cognition is granted. To this degree belongs the motto: "*Summa scientia nihil scire*", and those upon whom this degree is conferred need no more outside information, for they are sealed with the seal of that Power that is symbolized by the unnumbered Tarot trump The Foolish Man, the highest card in the whole deck.

The tribe of these wise fools is never numerous, but a closer investigation reveals that such of its members as continued contact with the outer world made a lasting impression upon the mentality of their era. They are samples, as it were, of the coming race, "*futura gente*" as Dante calls them, supermen, but very different from the conception of Nietzsche. The type is presented most comprehensibly in the Parzival legend, which sprouted in the Vedas and soon

branched out into numerous Germanic, Celtic, Romanic and other legends and folklore. And the quintessence of these was gathered into the sublime composition "Parsifal" of Richard Wagner, the text of which also written by the composer, indicates the qualification of the Graal-kings in special and of the Graal-knights in general. "*Durch Mitleid wissend der reine Tor, harre sein', den ich erkor.*" Wait for (or: submit to) the pure fool who knows by compassion, whom I choose. These words appeared in glowing letters upon the Graal, announcing in its usual way the next King.

So purity and that superhuman wisdom that looks foolishness to the general run of mankind (*I Cor. II 14*), and that can be acquired only by compassion, these are the necessary qualifications to the Melchisedek-like king-priesthood. Neither is this just fiction. In about the same era Bernard of Clairveaux, sainted by Rome, the lawgiver of the white-mantled Templars of whom the *Templeisen* of the Graal were but the spiritualized types, also the outstanding leader of the thinkers of his time, demonstrated in actual life the qualifying traits mentioned. By purity and compassion he merited the canonization, while the foolish brand of wisdom gained for him the intellectual leadership. For he claimed that: "Glowing is more than knowing." (*Serm. 3 in Nat. S. Joann.*) And with that inner glow, product of the light intellectual full with fire, he defeated in a long "fight to a finish" the great scholar Abailard. Dante paid his homage by placing him in the last canto of the *Paradiso* at the apex of the hierarchy of the white stoled militia, where Bernard addresses to the Great Mother that peerless prayer: "*Vergine madre, figlia del tuo Figlio*", O virgin mother, daughter of thy Son.

It would be easy to make out a list of men who by integrity of character and deep mysticism in their philosophy could be well classed with the triumphant militia of the white stoles, and the reader would find their names familiar. For all of them were prominent among the workers who developed the glory that was Greece, the grandeur that was Rome, and later

on the Renaissance. But the list would be long and space is short, so I prefer to show that the tribe is still with us. Lately a scientist who is known to abhor interviews granted one (*Sat. Eve. Post*, Oct. 26, 1929) and the opinions expressed there show the marks of that tribe, altho he probably does not know it. He is a physicist and mathematician, yet he likes day-dreaming and thinks about his life in terms of music. He is a star of first magnitude in his strictly positive lines of science, yet does not hesitate to declare: "Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. 'Imagination encircles the world.'" Altho not tainted by any conscious esoterism (for unconsciously he must be nearer than any other contemporary scientist to the doctrines of our Tradition), he firmly believes in intuitions and inspirations, confesses to have been much profited by them, also that sometimes he *feels* to be right before he *knows* it. Last but not least, he is a good Jew, yet confesses his glowing admiration for Jesus, whose personality he finds inseparably imprinted upon the sayings of the Nazarene which are all pulsating with vitality, and while others may have said the same things "no one has expressed them so divinely as he." And here is an other mark of the tribe. Told that his most important discovery just confirms what Thomas Aquinas has already stated, his answer is: "I have not read all the works of Thomas Aquinas, but I am delighted if I have reached the same conclusions as the comprehensive mind of that great Catholic scholar." By the way, his name is Albert Einstein.

His complex character must have puzzled somewhat the interviewer just as it surprises the reader. But George Sylvester Viereck, who could well handle the Kaiser, is an experienced scrutator of souls and quickly found the key to this enigma. And what he found is of importance to our present subject matter too. He thus concludes his report on the interview: "Mrs. Einstein . . . adjusts herself to her husband with a tact that is rare in wives of great men. When he wishes to be alone, she completely eliminates herself from his life. She spares him disharmonious contacts and protects

the serenity of his mind with the devotion of a vestal virgin guarding the sacred fire. It is by no means impossible that with a less sacrificing mate, Einstein would not have made the discoveries which link his name with the immortals. Thus love, that moves the sun and all the other stars, sustains in its lonely path the genius of Albert Einstein. Here is a live reflex upon the material plane of that high sphere from which the Rose draws its powers that originate from the union of intellectual light and a plenitude of love.

There is even a third point in this interview that merits our attention. Not so many years ago the frank admission that intuition and inspiration are considered to be important factors by a physicist and mathematician, and the "sacrilegious" opinion that imagination counts more than knowledge, would have drawn the thunderbolts of the academies. Even William Crookes had to feel the wrath of these Olympians. Lately however, materialistic science had a surprising experience: like Einstein, it feels the truth before knowing it. It feels that the esoterists, even mystics, are not just visionaries but have a substantial foundation of real experiences in which hyperphysical laws of nature reveal themselves. For the latest scientific discoveries present facts that can not be well explained by the known laws of their science, and the mortality amidst the new hypotheses is something awful. So they are forced, slowly but irresistibly, to make some radical changes in their textbooks.

We esoterists are much interested to note that in psychology and even in physiology the importance of the Unconscious begins to be widely recognized. Many admit now that in the Unconscious is occulted the transcendental personality which, while unconscious to us, is fully conscious of itself, has superior healing capacity as revealed in somnambulism, and is endowed with clairvoyance, clairaudience, and even to a certain extent with the gift of prophesy. The logical conclusion from this recognition is, that it is highly desirable to complete the faculties of the conscious mind with

these endowments of the Unconscious. And when this conclusion will be drawn and followed up, academic science will enrich itself by rediscovering the treasures of Ancient Thought, while on the other hand esoteric truth will be made more comprehensible by its adjustment to modern mentality and will spread more quickly by its application to practical purposes by modern science.

Here is an example how this mutual understanding and assistance may work out. Apuleius states that as a consequence of a mistake in the selection of the unguent Lucius was transformed into an ass. Apuleius knew precisely what he was talking about, as becomes evident when the title of his book is considered: "Metamorphoses, or the Golden Ass." Initiates knew at once what kind of metamorphoses would happen and why his ass was not just a common but a *golden* ass. But how far could the modern scientist, even if superficially acquainted with esoteric tenets, follow the author? He would see that there could have been no mistake about the selection of the unguent. For all these old unguents, analyzed chemically long since, had for their essential part some strong narcotics, and all narcotics have essentially the same effect; they permit the Unconscious to intrude the conscious mind and exalt it. Nowadays it is common knowledge too that the trend of such mental exaltation, and consequently the nature of the visions that originate from it, depends upon the intent that the opium-smoker or the hashish-eater impress upon his own mind before taking the narcotic.

Scientists versed in psychoanalysis might go a step further and explain how it could happen that Lucius, who certainly intended to become a bird, believed and visualized himself in the trance produced by the unguent to be an ass. It is this way. The conscious intent of Lucius was to become a bird. But his subconscious, that just at that time had been often gratified by the amatory escapades of the youth, intended to continue these gratifications and, being the stronger, its intent prevailed and Lucius turned into an ass, i. e. an animal well equipt by

nature to satisfy priapic passions. Apuleius even makes a hint in this direction. This predomination of the intent of the subconscious against the intent of the conscious is frequently observed by psychoanalysts, and it often occurs in alchemy too, especially if the inner purification is not radical; it must always have been so, for already Norton warned the alchemist in his *Ordinale* that the intent of the two parts of the mind should agree on the purpose of the work, otherwise all efforts would be in vain.

But even the most versatile scientist could hardly follow Apuleius any further and elucidate why the metamorphoses to which this asinine transformation gave the first impetus are not effective upon any common ass but only upon a *golden* ass. Altho a doctor who uses psychoanalysis in psychotherapy could easily point out scores of recorded clinical cases in which asinine promiscuity made people of both sexes not only sick but more or less insane, and by continued "fight to a finish" between their predominant instinct ego on the one and their reason plus moral ego on the constantly losing side, made them live in such an inner hell, compared with which not only the ass-adventures of Lucius but even the hottest hells depicted in the pulpits look like Kindergarten plays.

Apuleius, however, was correctly representing the procedure of nature when he submitted to punishment the body of the ass and tormented the human mind with the consciousness of an incarceration and consequent impotency of the soul, which was more severe and humiliating than the former confinement in a human body. For Lucius was a Son of Light, essentially purified during former incarnations (a status recognized in fraternities that accepted the sons of their adepts without the usual probation) and he made just a misstep that did not incapacitate him permanently. The duress of the humiliation should push him to maximal efforts to find means for liberation, and during the tension of such efforts intuition was expected to help him to discover in his own wild ass the latent *golden* ass. Which means: to find

in his own generative faculty, misled by sensual satisfactions, the latent divine creative energy, the golden-yellow center of the Rose, called by alchemists the seed of gold, which, aroused and further developed, will restore his *original human form*, which is the status of Adam before the fall. Eating roses, i.e. methodical attraction of the Rose-energy, will perform the metamorphoses that finally transmute the wild ass into the chaste but powerful unicorn, symbol of Jesus to the churches, and symbol of the inner *Immanu-El* for the Rosicrucian. The unicorn, that alchemical symbolism depicts as resting under the rose-tree and the royal arms of Great Britain as supporter of the empire. And the motor that furthers these metamorphoses is the alleged asinine stupidity, technically termed sometimes "ignorance" or "foolishness", that inner glowing (for our Cause or just sincere unselfish patriotism) that includes knowing, the knowing-nothingness that means direct cognition.

The metamorphoses indicated by Apuleius are the very same which were allegorically described by Homer, Virgil, Ovid, the Graal legends, Dante and in the early *Faust* legend. The same essentials clothed in diverse forms by which they were always adjusted precisely to the mentality of their own era. Until in our era they burst out again with increased brilliancy to appeal to modern mentality, in the *Faust* of Goethe and in the *Parsifal* of Wagner.

For while Tradition never varies in essentials, the form of expression of its tenets is always progressive and is always adjusted in the volume and in terminology of its revelations to the prospective receivers and their receptive capacity. So let us not war on words, but sincerely rejoice that electricity, used already on Solomon's Temple and in the descending fires that consumed the burnt offerings upon the altars of some prophets, finds now a much more general and practical application; that the dream of Icarus and quite a few others on record came true in our flying machines, that the demons of Socrates and Paracelsus, with the persecuted familiar spirits of

withcraft, are recognized as the transcendental in the unconscious, potentially present in each of us, that the guardian angel is renamed in our psychologies the "moral ego" that the devil still fights in us, renamed "instinct ego", that our inner planets are recognized now medically as glands, that Carl du Prel confirms mysticism with the doctrine of Darwin; that the cosmology of Thomas Aquinas is confirmed by Einstein, and that Einstein finds the sayings of Jesus not only vibrating with personal vitality but also divine. And so forth and on.

The present Renaissance (or Reformation, or Revolution, for it has the characteristics even if not the names of these three capital R's) in which our era travails more vehemently than any other era of history surely will excavate more and more Old Thought the union of which with New Thought will fecundate exoteric and esoteric sciences alike, and will give to the progress of the race a fresh momentum so intense as never was experienced before.

Let us rejoice in the expectation, but let us also do our bit to increase this momentum and to hasten the spiritual dawn, when the importance of love toward God and fellow creatures shall fully materialize and bring forth the real inner and outer peace on earth and a sincerely altruistic good will among men. When our happy children's-children, freed from the dogmatism with which religion and materialistic science shackle their forefathers, will smilingly remember of the *Batrachomyomachia* between fundamentalists and liberals, and consider Kellogg-pacts, disarmament conferences etc. as tottering first steps by which the coming race learns to walk.

Let us recognize the wild asses in ourselves, then do our best to metamorphose them into Christ-like unicorns. Tradition holds the full information as to what has to be done for this sublime purpose, also concerning the means how to attract influxes of that divine love-energy that vivifying pulsates thru the universe, and develops Roses wherever minds and hearts are properly prepared and purified for them.

A LITTLE ESSAY ON NEWER BIRTH CONTROL

Wherein we Find the Romance of Life Perceptibly Dimmed
as Science Hands the Law of Natural Selection a Wollop

By DR. GEORGE WINSLOW PLUMMER



H di me! Whoever'd'a thought it? We're going to manufacture our kids in test-tubes, gestate them in agar-agar, nurse them on synthetic cow-juice and wean them on Battle Creek handpickt vitamins.

The kids of the future wont even be born. They'll just grow. And if some astrologer decides that the stars were not performing acceptably at the time, all we'll have to do is to wash out the test-tube and make a new start.

If Wall Street cracks again and economic pressure is on the horizon, we'll just immerse the mixture in formalin and the kid-to-be will keep indefinitely. Under such circumstances, we wont have to pronounce the product human unless and until we wish to. We can use our own judgment.

Oh these will be halcyon days for all concerned. There will be no mothers or fathers. Any human being who desires to become a parent, can do so at his or her leisure and convenience. Social affairs or business matters need not be neglected, for a restraining formula will be provided that will hold up development for any length of time.

Ordinary marriage relations, so abhorrent to purist and prurient, will be abolisht by all who trot in good form. Connubial relations will no longer be laid as sacrifices on the altar of humanity; they'll make some musty items in ancient history roll over and give them a place. All mankind and woman-kind will become terribly pure, awfully pure in fact for each new organism, when pronounst a human being by competent judges, will bear the label, "C.P." which, for those who are uninitiated, means "chemically pure".

Being chemically pure to begin with, the humans of the future can logically never be anything else, for there will be no human impurity to soil them, mentally or physically. In this event, the churches will retire from business and the goat crop at the Final Judgment Day will be confined exclusively to those who were unfortunate enuf to have had old fashioned parentage of the Garden of Eden vintage.

Synthetic children will provide a greater variety of types. Sexes will be abolisht because sex will be unnecessary. The wealthy will have heirs prepared by special formulas in which desirable traits will be particularly developept to their maximum efficiency. The bourgeoisie will adopt a norm in which they can see the traits they admire brot to a standard. The proletarians will consist of factory-products, turned out in quantity lots to serve as mechanical accessories in manufacturing establishments and as cannon fodder when settling international misunderstandings.

Ingenious specialists will reap rich harvests, for improvements upon the original formula will be rapid and new types will be always in demand.

Incubation plants will do a heavy business and their stocks and bonds will be subject to the usual law of supply and demand, altho exceptional opportunities will present themselves to pools operating in a bull-market.

And yet,—somehow or other, the idea don't appeal to me.

The old, original method, with all its drawbacks and alleged cussedness has workt pretty well and has produced some some mighty fine men and women. The Almighty has seemed to approve of the old-style method in all the Scriptures of all the world religions. It is only the clergy, the prurient, and the Bostonians who disagree with Him.

Well, and anyway, this is not the time for heavy weeps. Synthetic kids are as yet a pleasingly long way off, where, we hope, they will always remain.

Nevertheless, the thoughts conjured up by Dr. Paul R. Heyl's prediction that life may be reproduced synthetically in the laboratory, are not as roseate as we might wish.

Dr. Heyl, in charge of the Sound Laboratory of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, in a general review of the "*Scientific Conquests of 1929*" at the Science Forum of the New York Electrical Society, believes that "The scientific advances of the last decades show a trend toward correlation of all physical phenomena which may lead to the discovery of the basic principle of life itself."

"The synthesis of protoplasm would be the last step in revealing the mystery of life, and the year 1929 marked another step in that direction. Dr. Fisher, of Munich, succeeded in producing the "respiration ferment". This ferment acts as "middle-man" between the oxygen-carrying red blood corpuscles and the oxygen-hungry tissues of the body. The absorption of oxygen by these tissues, with the help of the respiration ferment, is a process intimately connected with the process of life itself."

We opine that the genial Doctor is a bit optimistic. We do not need synthetic protoplasm. We have living protoplasm in the white of an egg. It is living protoplasm but it is not life itself. From living protoplasm we may succeed in developing new types of growth into vital organisms but there is a vast difference between living protoplasm and living protoplasm *endowed with sentience*.

The biologist who tells us most about eggs is not able to lay one, and we aver that he never will be able to do so. The biologist who sees in living protoplasm the *mystery* of life sees truly and well, but he leaves out of his calculations the one little but needful item of *intelligence*. Not all living organisms are intelligent or even sentient.

Life is a term that is susceptible of many definitions. It is defined variously

as the ability to reproduce, respire, and to "maintain internal conditions of the living cell reasonably independent of environment."

On the other hand, some manganese compounds have "memories" but this does not mean that mineral matter is sentient. Manganese is not protoplasm. Seeds, confined in liquid air, show no signs of vitalic activity, but once releast, they will germinate and develop.

Birth control by laboratory incubation has its economic thrills to be sure, but at present we are not appreciably nearer the solution of the great mystery of life than ever. Strides in biology do not take into consideration the psychological or psychical aspect. Biology, psychology and psychics are offspring of the same mother—Science, but as yet they hardly realize their family relationship.

It is conceivable that science may, in the not distant future, create some new versions of the Frankenstein Monster, but Science has, as yet, a long way to go in recognizing the over-ruling activities of the Creative Principle or Supreme Intelligence, call it what you will, before it can create a Frankenstein or any other monster that will be intelligent. Even then, a few thousand years will probably pass before the original model is brot to even comparative usefulness, for the Edenic Model, according to which you and I are built, while not exactly perfect, is far from obsolete.

In proof of the fact that we still have much to learn of life thru our present cumbersome but utilitarian corpuses, Sigmund Freud, the well known soul-specialist and analyst, comes out in his new book, "*The Discomfort of Civilization*" and does a little lachrymose leaking on the study in mauve presented by the general futility of human aims. The Prof. seems to doubt civilization's value. To one who can, seemingly, see in life only a succession of orgiastic rhythms from cooing childhood to doddering senility, this picture would appear to be logical.

According to Prof. Freud, Man must renounce his instincts. Well, instincts are the primitive links between primeval

sentience in living organisms and later intelligence in develop organisms. "Psychological mass misery threatens most imminently, where social relations are based mainly on the identification of the participants among each other, while the natural leaders do not attain the significance that should be theirs."

Doubtless when we succeed in laboratory incubation, special formulas may be devised that will produce only leaders capable of attaining the significance that should be theirs. But we opine that, even then, some little ingredient overlooked by the biologist would tincture the structure of the leader-to-be and set him in his rightful place in the scheme of things. We get only what we earn in this world and chemical offspring would find that, after all, even chemicals obey Laws and an Intelligence to which Science, considering itself vastly superior is, in reality, a stranger.

It may be that the "supermen" some cultists chatter about so much will be the original test-tube kinds. Instead of the Garden of Eden they will be planted in Tube XC. Instead of a Divine Father they will hail from Operator 177,999. Place of birth, Lat. and Long. something-or-other. Location of Birth, Incubation Station C1576. Culture inaugurated March 2030. Incubation completed under forced draught, April of the same year. Type, Choleric-militaristic or Sanguine-Industrial. A glorious lineage!

Well, maybe by the time the superkids get here, Doc. Freud will have discovered something worth while in humankind, in civilization, and something besides sex-repressions in human behavior.

Meanwhile, the usual methods of procedure will continue to prevail.

THE SIGN OF THE ROSE BUSH

By ANNA A. ARMBRUSTER

AT the side of the Rose Bush, I halted
And scented its perfume, so sweet:
A perfume pungent with meaning
That waked me, from a long sleep.

A sleep, drugged with wrong thinking
That left me weary and sad
I woke, at the side of the Rose Bush
Buoyant, and happy and glad.

And like each satin pink petal
My own thought unfolded to see
That I am part of this Rose Bush
Part of God's mystery.

A mystery, not shrouded in darkness
But sweet, with the promise to be
That, as I live, learn and practice
Heaven's harmonies will come to me.

For Christ, is the scent of the Rose Bush
Breathe deep, and you will see
As the beauty of the Rose Bush, grows
and glows
So Christ will live in thee.

SPECIAL HEALING DATES



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PARAGRAF TRUTH

Salient Thoughts in Concise Form for Students

By DR. S. G. EGHIAN

HARMONY OF LIVING

HARMONY in a thing is the fitting and symmetrical position of all its parts to the whole. Nothing is beautiful or perfect without harmony. Perfection, beauty and harmony are inseparable principles and originate from higher wisdom.

Harmony of living is the fitting of all man's actions and thoughts to the ultimate aim of his own life and to the universal plan of evolution. No life becomes perfect or beautiful without the harmony of living. Harmony of living is the joy of living.

A life full of misery, disease, and constant strife is a joyless life. It is the

result of discord and jars in man's *own within*. All the destructive impulses and lower passions create discords, first within man's own self and then in reflecting and bringing about concrete effects outside him. Hatred, resentment, jealousy, envy, the spirit of vengeance, and danger are all violent discords and jars. They crystallize outside man as disease, pain, loss, sorrow and gloom.

There is a divine harmony vibrating throughout all the universe. It builds and lifts and brings joy and peace. He who has harmony within himself can only resound its vibration and become one with its divine melody.

Love is this divine harmony.

THE REAL AND THE UNREAL

MAN is living constantly among the admixture of things real and unreal. To discriminate one from the other is an attainment that man must acquire during his life.

First of all man must learn to discriminate his *real self* from his *unreal self*.

The impulses that come from man's real self leads him to the real; those that come from man's unreal self to the unreal. One leads to peace and harmony, and the other to disappointment and sorrow.

Illusions are reality until man sees them to be so. In his dream man dares, loves, hates, fears, and worries just as realistically as in his waking hours. After he is out of it he laughs at, wonders about, and regrets the things he has done in his dream.

After man goes through a crisis of life and finds himself at a distance from it, all his past struggles, worries, and fears, stand at the same level as if they were in a dream. He wonders at the things he has cling to as reality. He

regrets or laugh at the things he has done during the crisis.

Under the influence of beliefs, superstitions, and customs, man commits follies, crimes and injustice, but as soon as he gets illumination he regrets his ignorance.

Ignorance of the real and the unreal does not excuses man for his mistakes. Man must suffer the consequences of his deeds.

Under the sway of his lower nature man lives always among the unreal. Greed, selfishness, and covetousness are the creators of illusions and phantoms. They lead man astray throughout his life.

The craving for accumulating wealth for the sake of wealth, or the craving for fame or power to dominate others are the greatest of illusions that man clings to during his life.

The higher man ascends in his spiritual understanding the clearer becomes his vision to discriminate the real and the unreal.

COSMIC SYNTHESIS

Cosmological Principles in Form of the Four Elements

By ETHEL M. B. HELMER



THE Hermetic axiom "As Above, so Below; as Below, so Above" does not occupy the place in human thought it rightfully deserves, for the analogies between the Above and

Below reveal a vista surpassingly rich in Truth and Beauty.

We are told of a Sea of Fire, the Primordial Aether or Fire of the Cosmic Mental Plane, which, bringing into activity the Cosmic Life Element or Fire essence, expresses as energy, and this latent fire essence is the basic constituent of matter. The interaction of these two causes a radiation which is termed *Akasha*, the Supernal or Super-Astral Light, the *Mysterium Magicum*, or Matrix of the Universe, the Soul Universal of the Supreme Being, from and out of which everything that is, is made.

Here we see the threefold manifestation of the Universal Principle as Power within the Sea of Fire, as Motion or activity of the Life Principle within this Fire essence, and as Word, the radiated Universal Soul, the Cosmic Father, Mother, Son.

We also have the beginning of the four elements, the Primordial Elements. The Sea of Fire, the Primordial Aether of which Dr. Plummer says; "It is not the Ether of popular science, nor yet Akasha, but the greater concept of an Aether that is the source of both of these." Within this Sea of Fire or Primordial Aether we have Power which acts as Essential Fire or Spirit Will; Air, which is Spirit Energy or Life Principle within this Fire essence; and Akasha, or Water, the fluid essence of Universal Soul of which it is said; "This central Light becomes golden and aurific, a golden covering, Light, rare, untellable, lighting the very Light", and this Divine Water is "a spirit of the Nature of Aether and the quintessence

of all things." Later we will understand better the meaning of this statement.

After passing thru many Hierarchies as we follow this Universal Principle in its cycling descent, we come finally to the creation of a Solar System and find that in creating His System, the Solar God projects His Will or individual, positive, electric, Fire Force, or Thought into the vitalized substance of the Universal Akasha and by this Divine Alchemy brings into activity the latent Fire essence or Life Principle which animates the particles of this substance.

From the standpoint of time, Solar aeons may pass during the process of the awakening into activity of the latent fire or Life Principle within the Akasha, but there comes a time when a blending of the positive fire force and the latent fire essence takes place and a radiation begins from the fiery incandescent center to the outer periphery, changing the nature or quality of the substance thus circumscribed and stamping it as the very Being of the Solar God. Thus it becomes a Second Akasha, Matrix of the Solar System, the Astral Light.

So we see, the Solar God, by the Fire of His Spirit Will, impregnated the Waters of the Cosmic Akasha, caused it to become active and brot forth Light, or, exprest differently, the Fire force was focust "into the Water, into the Air, and brot forth the manifested forms upon the Earth of every living creature," for, at some point in the progress of this radiation, which forms the water or fluid essence of the Solar Soul, from which, within which the Solar System is made and by which sustained, Earth, the fourth element, is crystallized and planets are formed, which form is but a focus of the higher principles for visible expression.

But in each case there was projection of Power or Will bringing Motion or Activity before there was radiation. This is a point I wish to stress because of its importance, later to be brot out.

Studying our Earth as a focus of this higher power, we find many interesting facts. Each planet is activated by one of the Seven Principles of the Sun, spoken of as a Ray, and this Ray stirring the internal latent fire which lies deep within the heart of each planet, which blending with the light external, causes an incandescent burning in this center which gradually radiates, causing warmth in the matter of the globe and becoming the planetary Akasha, the Mother of all living things, so the Earth "brings forth the manifold forms upon her bosom and reconstructs the types which she receives in a constantly ascending scale of progression."

Each Sphere, whether Sun, planet, man or atom has a center of reception with a surface radiation, and in each case, from the Great Architect of the Universe down, we find that the positive dynamic force stirred the latent life fire essence which brot about radiation or Light.

The Fire Force, or Power-Spirit-Will, proceeds from the Thinker, and the Force of Life is the transformation into energy of the Thought of the Thinker.

The latent or interior fire in each Sphere produces the warmth that causes the activity or development of matter and fertilization, while the radiatory fire or Light is the expression of the evolution of mind and the evolutionary expression of soul which brings about the synthesis of Life and Matter and produces consciousness or evolutionary development, for the Cosmic Principle is develept by expansion and the action is ever forward.

In other words, we do not have Radiation, Akasha, Soul, in Universe, Sun, Planet or Man until the substance or form thru which the Principle expresses, has reacht a point of blending with the higher principle which produces a quality equal to radiation, for radiation is the "outer effect produced by all forms in all kingdoms when the internal activity has reacht such a stage of vibratory activity that the confining walls of the form no longer form a prison but permit of the escape of the subjective essence", which is Soul.

So we see why Akasha is Light, "rare, untellable, lighting the very Light," for it is the return or evolutionary state of the Light which first proceeded from the Center, returning laden with greater Light, greater expansion.

To repeat, each sphere, whether Sun, Planet or Man, has a center of reception with a surface radiation, and the receptive center of Earth, stirred by the Solar Ray, arouses the desire of the Planetary Entity to perfect itself, causing radiation which again calls forth a reaction from the external fire, for each step forward brings a reaction and change, establishing the Law of Attraction and Repulsion, cycling progressively in its spiraling ascension thru the development of Soul, full self-consciousness and a perfected vehicle.

The receptive center of Earth is connected with the two poles, and is the spine or center around which the Earth globe rotates, and as we cannot think of radiation without motion or movement, let us look for a moment at the result upon the surface of the Earth, of this reception and consequent radiation or movement.

In all mystic and arcane writings, the North has ever been venerated as the Place of Mystery, for from it comes the Spirit that Quickeneth. The Light coming from the Place of Mystery enters our planet at the North Pole causing a quickening thruout the planet and a radiation, so that from the North sounds the vibrant "*Fiat Lux.*"

As it is the function of the West to serve the East in dispensing the sacred mysteries, so the South could not attain its office of fullest development of life giving power without the Light Ray from the North.

This Power Ray from North to South causes a movement or radiation effecting the East and West and establishing the four cardinal points, the North and South, points of reception and return, the East and West, points of radiation of power received, and here sit the Four *Kumaras* or Lords of Karma watching the four cardinal points of reception and radiation and judging the

quality and result of the radiation from the amount of power received.

There are four motions of the Earth.

First, the motion in its orbit around the sun, which probably began with the first awakening of the latent fire essence, and which is now the movement "around the circumference upward".

Second, its motion around the polar axis which is really its rotation around its own receptive center which is connected with the two poles.

Third, a slow movement which results in a complete reversal of the axis in a little more than every two million years, and a fourth, Nutation, the balancing motion of the earth's axis by which its inclination to the ecliptic varies, and the ecliptic is the great circle, or apparent path of the Sun around the celestial sphere, or the efforts of the whole to return "to the Center".

Before these movements were established in the comparative equilibrium they now enjoy, the "electrical forces operative between Sun and Earth drawing the North Pole toward the Sun and then repelling it, inaugurated a continuous motion accelerating as momentum was gained, and this continuous motion was maintained by the volcanic activities which first manifested in the separation of land and sea and by the submarine volcanic activities", until finally the orbital and axial motions were equalized, so that, instead of the poles pointing toward the sun, the equator is turned to the sun, bringing the greatest heat around the middle of the globe. This brought about conditions at the North Pole which were first to sustain life, and as the motion of the pole of the ecliptic around the pole of the Earth forms an imaginary spiral of movement from the North Pole to the Equator, so all natural migration of life forms is southward from the North Pole to the Equator.

"Great ocean and air currents run North and South, mountain ranges lie mainly North and South, and nearly all rivers of Northern Hemisphere run North and South.

"The heavier cold air currents from the North Pole hug the surface of the

continent laden with pollen, winged seeds of grass, shrubs and trees, moving constantly southward, while the warm, lighter air from the South rises and passes back to the Pole in an upper current."

Bird and animal life necessarily follows the vegetation.

The currents of the ocean are established in obedience to these same laws, "as hot water is lighter than cold, great surface currents have been formed in both Atlantic and Pacific, flowing from Equator to Arctic regions, while the cooler and heavier currents from the North sweep the floors of both oceans from shore to shore to the southward carrying all forms of marine life with them from Pole to Equator".

"By reason of the revolution of the Earth upon its axis, all bottom currents from the North acquire an eastward motion of seven hundred fifty miles an hour, which has a tendency to press to the westward every obstacle met within their course, which brings about a southwestern course and movement."

As visible currents flow from the North to the South and are returned in upper currents to the North, then it must be that some invisible force is acting as the prototype, and we find the positive electric force of the Sun thus entering the Earth and being returned from the Earth, after a fermentation or transmutation, to the North. There are some who claim the Northern Light, the Aurora Borealis, which is said to be electrical discharge, is the Christ Force, or the returned force of the Earth from the South to the North.

As each sphere or form is actually an Entity in "visible form or matter", then let us say the North represents the Thinker, the Divine Spark of Mind operative in each, the South, the Soul; the East, the Ego; the West, the Body and Personality, then we find the Positive Electrical force of the Sun stirring, thru the North, in the Thinker of each Sphere, the desire for perfection, and its reaction in the Soul, South, to return what has been built in, and the Ego, pushing to the Westward, to the Personality, every obstacle to be overcome.

So we find the migration of peoples, movements, religions, etc. from the East to the West; in the West, materiality, science, the mechanical age, the removing of obstacles pushed from the East, the Ego, thru the Personality, clearing the way for better and higher expression of the East in the next cyclic spiral, but the West ever serving the East which "dispenses the sacred mysteries".

Nature manifesting on the surface of the Planet expresses the Cardinal points in the Four Seasons, North, Winter, the Place of Mystery, in which the tiny "seed of light" is carefully nursed and kept warm in the bosom of Mother Earth, until time for the silent command of "*Fiat Lux*" when Spring, the East, stirs and blows the soft warm air and coaxes the "seed of light" to sprout and grow, and usually the first spring flowers are yellow, the color of the gold, or "seed of light". Then comes Summer, South, Water, Soul, "typical of fullest development of life giving power, conducive to growth and prosperity", in which the seed of light grows and flowers, and expands. Finally, Fall, West, Earth, Personality, who fells and gathers the golden harvest stacking it away for future use.

"As Above, so Below", and man, like the earth, revolves on a polar axis which is the Spine; the top of the head being the North Pole, the base of the spine, the South Pole. "At this base are the internal fires of the human system returning along the three channels of the spine" and radiated, when awakened, thruout the body.

The force from the North, the Will-to-Be, vitalizes and heats the dense matter of the body. The base of the spine awakened, "vitalizes the nervous fluid, stimulating the nervous centers and creating electrical response between nerves and brain". The third, Life-light, the radiation, constitutes the health and magnetic aura. "The three radiating together demonstrate in the astral and mental bodies, affecting their substance".

The latent internal fire in all spheres, universal, solar, human, and atomic, is simply the life activity of the third aspect of God, the intelligent activity, or ac-

tivity of thought. The radiation is the development and manifestation of consciousness, that which is embodied evolving thru existent life forms, and is the second aspect of God, Word-Wisdom. The Essential Fire or Spirit animating the Thinker on all planes is the First aspect of Power-Will.

As the Third aspect manifests and builds the etheric body, so the second manifests and builds the astral body and this body with its expression of consciousness, Love-Wisdom, must be perfected before the First aspect Power-Will, Spirit-Fire can manifest or build the mental body as a functioning vehicle.

The heat of our Solar System is said to be the manifestation, in Time and Space, of the Astral body of the Second Logos of Love and Matter blended. So, we see that universe, sun, planet and man is building astrally, perfecting each, the Cosmic astral body, the solar astral body, the planetary astral body and the human astral body.

Man is a focus, or center thru which the three principles work. "He is not wholly spirit or wholly matter, but a product of the union of the two, he is the meeting place of matter, or active intelligent substance and of spirit, or the basic will to be. He expresses each of the two opposites, plus the result of their merging in himself". Thus man blends the pairs of opposites and the three fires, latent, radiatory and electric, bringing about evolution, or a higher quality.

So we are told, "Heaven, Fire and Air, is joined mediately with the Earth, but the middle nature, which is Water, Soul, is a Form along with the Heaven and the Earth, but the Water holds of all the first place. It behoves us, therefore, to drive away the vapor from the Water, for Water is the Mercurial Quintessence," the blending of Spirit-Mind with the quintessence of all things, which is Soul.

"Man was created of the Earth and lives by virtue of the air, for there is a secret food of life, whose invisible congealed spirit is better than the whole world. O, holy and wonderful Nature which knowest how to produce wonder-

ful fruits by water out of the earth, and from the air to give them life. And, Thou, O Man, even thou, art he who, thru the breath, and power of Water and earth, in thyself conjoint the elements and makest them one," for,—“What seek we?”— “Illumination”,—and “to be seraphically illumined, earth must be refined to water, water to air and air to fire”. Earth and the experiences of earth must be transmuted into Soul, Soul thru the breath, Air, is liberated from the etheric and astral sheaths, and gradually “airiated” or aerated, spiritualized into Fire.

But with man as with the earth, it may take aeons of time, third dimensionally speaking, before the body or visible vehicle or focus is brot to a stage of vibratory activity where it no longer forms a prison but allows the escape of the subjective substance and radiation. When this time comes, the Thinker positively projects his Will, deliberately increasing activity and bringing about radiation or evolution of the human soul. For activity is Life and Life is ever active, producing expansion or Light. The positive force from the Thinker producing the transformation of the Life into energy or thought for the radiation of Light.

Thus, man, created in the image and likeness of God, in that he has the ability to think creatively, is the turning point in the descent of the four elements; Fire,

the pure *Akasha*, the First Matter of the *Magnum Opus*, the Super-Astral Light, then Fire, Air and Water crystallizing into the physical vehicle or element, Earth, and man, thru his self conscious, individual efforts toward perfection, raising the Earth to Water, Water to Air, Air to Fire, perfecting himself and freeing the Planetary Entity. The Planetary Entity whose efforts toward perfection raises man and all on the Earth as well as Himself, freeing the Solar God, and the Solar God's efforts towards perfection, raising all in the Solar System and freeing Himself and the Supreme Being, so that man is the mediator between life and death, spirit and matter, therefore are we told, “the universal orb of the world contains not so great mysteries and excellencies as a little man, formed by God in His own Image,” for each planetary and Solar Entity was once human, but now progrest long distances on its return “to the center,” “lighting the very Light,” with its own illumination.

Therefore, “O Thou King of Kings, who should not worship Thee unceasingly and forever with his whole heart, for everything in the Universe comes from Thee, out of Thee, and must again return to Thee. Everything that exists will ultimately re-enter Thy Light or Thy Fire Thy Love or Thy anger, and everything, whether good or evil must serve to Thy glorification.”

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THE BALANCE

By A. GEARY JOHNSON

I fear not darkness,
For my soul still gropes in twilight;
I fear not light,
Since light was my soul's birthplace;
I fear not cold,
For I delight in coldness of Reason;
I fear not heat,
For my heart moves in warmth for
humanity;
I fear not death,
For in death I find Immortality.

NEO-CABALA

A New Method of Interpretation and Prognastication Thru the "Squaring of the Alphabet"

By EDWARD WASHINGTON SCOWDEN



ROSE were as sweet by any other name" when the other name correlates, mathematically, with the original roselike sweetness.

Lord Kelvin observed that, "When you can measure what you are speaking of and express it in numbers, you know something about it, and when you cannot measure it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meagre and unsatisfactory kind. It may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely in your thought advanced to the stage of science."

Dr. Robert M. Gay quotes the above in his book entitled, *Ralph Waldo Emerson, a Study of The Poet as Seer*, and further comments; "One feels that it was some apprehension of this fact that led Emerson to seek incessantly for spiritual laws, or at least for those resemblances and analogies in man and nature that might suggest spiritual laws—laws which might in time be established by observation, experience, and experiment."

That which we call "God" is the acknowledged Creator of all that is. Therefore, God must be the Creator of spiritual laws. Saint John tells us, in the beginning of his great Gospel, that, "In the beginning was THE WORD and the Word was with God and THE WORD WAS GOD. The same was in the beginning with God."

Webster tells us, when defining the word, "Cabala," that it is "A kind of occult theosophy or traditional interpretation of the Scriptures among Jewish rabbis and certain mediaeval Christians, which treats of the nature of God and the mystery of human existence. It assumes

that every letter, word, number, and accent of Scripture contains a hidden sense; and it teaches the methods of interpretation for ascertaining these occult meanings. The Cabalists even pretend to foretell events by this means."

THE WORD is admittedly the expression of thought, therefore thought and God must be very closely related.

David writes explicitly, "Know ye that The Lord He is God." Jesus of Nazareth plainly said, "Ye are Gods", and further states, when correctly punctuated, "Before Abraham, was I AM."

Many inconsistencies have been promulgated as to God and His Attributes, as the result of our tricky mental processes called "reason" with the adjective, erroneous, implied. Reason-in-fact is The Totality. Fact-reasoning is The Symbolic Law. Human Thought is The Virgin Reason. Divine Thought is The Resurrection,—Name Resurrection.

The ancient Hebrew scholars understood and used the basic principles of Cabala for their language of twenty-two letters. However, the Hebrew Cabala could not be expected to perfectly adjust itself to a language of twenty-six letters, or sound symbols.

The ancient prophets were said to be able Cabalists. They wrote clearly in reference to some of the attributes of both "God" and The Lord. Withal, it is said that seventy-two deific names exist in the Hebrew tongue. One prophet has given us the following:

"I AM THE LORD AND THERE IS NONE ELSE, THERE IS NO GOD BESIDES ME: I girded thee thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none else,

see now that I, *even I*, am *HE* and there is no God with me: I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; neither is there any who can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven and say, 'I LIVE FOREVER'. I form light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil; I the Lord do these things."

"Thus saith the Lord; Behold I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and doings good."

Another prophet writes saying;

"Praise be to God, the Lord of all Creatures; the most merciful, the king of the day of judgment. Thee do we worship, and of Thee do we beg assistance. Direct us in the right way, in the way of those to whom thou hast been gracious: not of those against whom thou art incensed, nor of those who go astray."

The explicit reduction of Lord Kelvin's idea to practice in the English language must, of necessity, consist of a balance, mathematical correlation of the symbols of sound, or letters, with the mathematical symbols and numbers, in an infallible, invariable, and accurate procession of basic and balance principles of expression, or thought.

NEO-CABALA, with which this paper deals, seems to have met these requirements. It is geometrical in form, mathematical in its accuracy, consistent in its definitive analogies and synonyms of correct and exact analysis. Furthermore, it acts and reacts according to fixed and reasonable laws with geometrical precision and arithmetical accuracy. It also responds to prophetic demands, as note:

A RECORD BREAKING PANIC IN WALL STREET IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK STATE, WILL OCCUR — 300-3 ON OCTOBER TWENTY-FOURTH ANNO DOMINI ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE—300-3.

A comparison of the fact as stated in the foregoing exact balances of 300 will disclose the accuracy of the prophecy. It has been applied, experimentally, to criminology with the same marked success as has been noted in advance by the editor of this periodical, in the famous McManus case.

However, the proper time for the scientific application of NEO-CABALA to the arts of prophecy, criminology, divination, and the like, is not yet. All this will come thru a patient and intelligent course of comparative observation and experiment. What seems impossible to the human mind is simplicity itself for the God-mind. Now note; GOD-MIND — 29-11-2-11-29 — CABALA-MIND—another exact balance which may mean much to future education.

Saint Paul, who, as Saul of Tarsus, spent twenty-two years under the able tutelage of that ancient Hebrew scholar and Cabalist, Gamaliel, while standing the midst of Mars hill, spoke as follows:

"Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that *HE* is Lord of Heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though *HE* needed anything, seeing *HE* giveth to all life, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though *HE* be not far from every one of us: for IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

While this statement of Paul's is fresh in our minds, let us observe some interesting balances by NEO-CABALA in substantiation of the truth of his speech:

I AM—10-1-10—ADAM
 JOVE—19-10-1-10-37—JUPITER
 BRAHMA—19-10-1-10-37—JEW PETER
 HORUS—28-10-1-10-28—JEHOVAH
 ELIAS—19-10-1-10-19—ADONAI
 J-H-V-H—19-10-1-10-19—ENOCH
 MELCHIZEDEK—46-10-1-10-46—KING OF SALEM
 GAUTAMA BUDDHA—46-10-1-10-46—KING OF LOVE
 ZARATHUSTRA—55-10-1-10-55—JESUS CHRIST
 ZOROASTRIAN—55-10-1-10-64—ZARATHUSTRIAN
 INTELLECTUALITY—73-10-1-10-73—THE UNDERSTANDING
 THE ANTHROPOLOGY—82-10-1-10-82—MOHAMMED THE PROPHET
 PAUL—19-10-1-10-19—SAUL
 GAMALIEL—28-10-1-10-28—MASTER
 KONG—19-10-1-10-28—WISDOM
 LAO-TSE IS—37-10-1-10-19—KONG
 INTELLECTUALITY IS—83-11-2-11-38—BABYLONIAN
 THE TRANSCENDENTAL IS—83-11-2-11-38—EGYPTIAN

It is further written that "Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians." Furthermore, it is said that Pythagoras also spent twenty-two years under the instruction of Chaldean and Egyptian kings and priests. He held, as you know that 'Numbers are the essence of all things'.

A most noticeable fact is, that while religions and sciences have constantly been changing their deductions and results,—a necessary progression where the human reason alone governs,—yet the problems of Euclid, who taught Plato, and the figures of Pythagoras whose schools also taught that famous teacher of Aristotle, are the same today as they were then; the only immutable factors of history.

A famous expression of the biographers of Parmenides and Heraclitus was, "Like many others, they have grasped great half-truths". Fortunate is any man to have grasped even half a truth for few

really realize how little real truth they know. Socrates summed up his life by saying, "I know nought but that I nought do know," and a later able mind said, "I aver nothing, not even that I aver nothing". What greater honesty and more intelligent courage can be imagined, coming from able, earnest men?

Paul writes, in xii:4 of his *Epistle to the Hebrews*, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit," The word, 'HONOVER', was said to be 'the word of power of Zoroaster,' the means by which Ormuzd overcame Ahriman and all evil. Regardless of the depth to which a soul has sunk in the sea of infinite error, perfect word reconciliation will ever rescue and redeem that spirit; for we find, SOUL IS—33-6-33—SPIRIT, by NEO-CABALA. We see by this analogy that THE SALVATION—55-10-1-10-118—THE UNITY OF SOUL AND SPIRIT.

ISAAC—14-5-14—JACOB
 NAME—14-5-14—ART
 SOUL—23-5-23—SENSE
 TEST—23-5-23—TRIAL
 TRUE—23-5-23—ORDER
 CHARACTER—32-5-32—MEMORY
 PRINCIPLE—41-5-41—REMEMBRANCE
 EXISTENCE—41-5-41—VIBRATION
 ATONEMENT—41-5-41—JUDGMENT
 REPENTANCE—41-5-41—SALVATION
 SUBMISSION—50-5-50—INTELLIGENCE
 EXPERIMENT—50-5-50—OMNIPOTENCE
 JUSTIFICATION—59-5-59—PRESERVATION
 COMPREHENSION—59-5-59—UNDERSTANDING
 THE GRACE OF GOD—59-5-59—THE HONOR OF GOD
 THE POWER OF GOD—59-5-59—THE SCIENCE OF GOD
 THE HARMONY OF GOD—68-5-68—THE VIRTUE OF GOD
 THE PRESENCE OF GOD—68-5-68—THE REALITY OF GOD

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THE GENERATION OF GOD—77-5-77—THE EXPERIENCE OF EGO
 THE MIND-CONTROL OF EGO—86-5-86—THE SELF-CONTROL OF EGO
 THE BOUNDLESSNESS OF EGO—95-5-95—THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD

HAPPINESS—41-5-41—GREATNESS
 MORALITY—41-5-41—SACREDNESS
 HUMANITY—41-5-41—INFINITIES

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 MAN—.....11-2-11.....—ABEL
 LAW—.....11-2-11.....—ACME
 LOVE—.....20-2-20.....—BELIEF
 STAR—.....20-2-20.....—YOU
 PEOR—.....20-2-20.....—ABRAHAM
 SATAN—.....20-2-20.....—ABADDON
 EBLIS—.....20-2-20.....—ABBADONA
 EN SOPH—29-11-2-11-29—MESSIAH
 EMANUEL—29-11-2-11-29—CHRIST
 ALPHABET—29-11-2-11-29—NATURE
 LIVING—29-11-2-11-29—VIRILE
 INEFFABLE—29-11-2-11-29—SOURCE
 THOUGHT—38-11-2-11-38—REVERENCE
 ALMIGHTY—38-11-2-11-38—KNOWLEDGE
 PURITY—38-11-2-11-38—PROBITY
 HONESTY—38-11-2-11-38—VERACITY
 QUALITY—38-11-2-11-38—STANDARDS
 ESSENISM—38-11-2-11-38—IMMORTAL

In *Revelations* ix:11, we read; "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is ABADDON, but in the Greek tongue hath his name "APOLLYON".

ABADDON MEANS—.....40-4-40.....—APOLLYON
 DEVOURER—.....40-4-40.....—MEPHISTO

Now, for the moment, let us see if we have pleased, even if it failed to satisfy, may discover something which might our beloved Emerson.

THE SPIRITUAL LAW—71-8-71—ELECTRO-MAGNETISM
 REBOUNDLESSNESS—71-8-71—RECONSCIOUSNESS
 THE CONCENTRATION—71-8-71—THE ILLUMINATION
 THE NUMEROLOGICAL—71-8-71—THE PSYCHOLOGICAL
 THE PHILOSOPHICAL—71-8-71—THE IMMORTALITY
 MIND—17-8-17—SELF=ELOI—17-8
 MENTAL—26-8-26—DIVINE
 JESUS—26-8-26—ELOHIM
 DOCTRINE—35-8-35—CALCULUS
 INFINITE—35-8-35—TRIANGLE
 RELIGIOUS—44-8-44—UNIVERSAL
 CONCEPTION—44-8-44—CALCULATION
 ENTIRETY—44-8-44—TOTALITY
 INSPIRATION—53-8-53—RATIONALITY
 CONSCIOUSNESS—62-8-62—BOUNDLESSNESS
 TRANSFIGURATION—71-8-71—ANTHROPOPHISM

A rare book whose teachings in many respects, agree with the Indian BRAHMIN doctrine, called "MAGIKON", or the Secret System of an Association of Unknown Philosophers, says in part:

"In view of his divine origin, as an unconditional emanation from God, Adam was not only the noblest being which, as an expression of divine power, had the preference of all others, for he never owed his existence to a mother. He was a heavenly Adam, brot into being by God himself and was not born into the world in the ordinary manner. He also enjoyed, in consequence of his nature, every prerogative of a pure spirit, surrounded by an invulnerable veil. But this was not the sensual body of the present time, which is only an evidence of his degradation—a coarse mantle—by which he sought to protect himself against the raging elements. His garments were holy, simple, indestruct-

ible, and of an indissoluble character. To this condition of perfect glory, in which he enjoyed the purest happiness, he was destined, in order to reveal the power of the Almighty, and to rule the visible and the invisible. Being in possession of all the prerogatives and insignia of a king, he could also use every means to fulfil his high destiny. As the champion of unity, he was secure from the attacks of all inward and outward enemies, because the veil by which he was covered (the germs of which are still within us), rendered him invulnerable. One advantage that the original pure man possess was that no natural poison, nor all the powers of the elements could harm him." These words furnish us a rather striking similarity to the promises of Jesus of Nazareth to his followers in the faith who really believe.

THE ORIGINAL PURE MAN IS
—91-10-1-10—ADAM

Thus endeth, this first lesson.

INTROSPECTION

By A. GEARY JOHNSON



THERE are times when I feel I am just a soul reincarnated in this body of mine to gather knowledge, suffer many and diverse experiences, live all conditions of life, undergo pleasure and pain, then wing my way back to the celestial planes and resume my journey thru an infinity of worlds.

What sort of being is this veiled soul whose countenance I cannot discover? Who is he, how long has he lived, from whence came he and whither does he go? He inhabits my body, directs my thoughts, drives me on when I would shrink from going; he holds me back when I would rush madly into circumstances I would later regret. When I am timid he bids me act and with wisdom shows me the folly of my ways.

Look! The shadow about his face is thinning, and I think I discern his features. No, I can see only his eyes.

I am looking into eyes deep and mystic, seeing all, observing everything, nothing escapes their glance. They can be cold with scorn; they glitter with righteous anger; they gleam with satisfaction, they are cool and calm with the wisdom of the ages; they are veiled with dreams, they glow with lights of love and kindle with kindness. They are eyes which have seen the dawn of time, the evolution of man, and the creation and destruction of all forms of life. They have witnessed the fall of empires, rise of kingdoms and devastation of nations. They have glanced into the workshop of the universe and beheld the birth of the soul of man compounded in crucibles of Destiny.

What mind lies behind these inscrutable eyes? A mind which has absorbed the wisdom of the master minds of ages past; a mind which has delved into the mysteries of life; known the enlighten-

ment of the Buddha; solved the magic of the Egyptians; plotted the courses of the stars with Galileo, and understood the profundity of God in the words of the Christ.

A phantom hand grips this pen which writes these lines. This ghost-hand whose long, slim fingers wielded the sword of a noble warrior; crushed the life from a foeman in battle; gripped the helm of a Norseman's ship in cold, north waters; wielded a painter's brush; cared the strings of a lute whose divine music brot the world to the player's feet; those hands have held a poet's pen whose songs forged the destiny of a king.

I know I have lived always; I have been the highest and the lowest, the noble

and the pauper, I have felt the joy of one and the poverty of the other. Nothing seems new to me, I have done the same things in countless lives, and seem to understand all phenomena which are strange and terrible to my fellows. I have felt a thousand loves and a thousand hates. Sometimes I am tired and wish my spirit could take its flight back to the mystic land from whence it came. How long must my journey continue. I am lost in a world I do not like.

I wish I knew what being it was who wrote these lines. When I gaze into my mirror I wonder who is this strange dweller of two worlds who stares back at me?

THOUGHT

By FARRELL CHESLEY TOOMBS



HERE is one human faculty which receives too little attention from the individual. That faculty is Thought. Many books have been written about great men and always the deeds and actions of the men have been emphasized and not what they thought. Of course we want to know about a great man's actions so we can use them as examples for our lives, but the big thing is, "What did he think?" We know that many times we think one way and act another simply because it is necessary to please some one or necessary to live according to the dictates of conventions and society. Thus it is quite plain that actions are secondary to thoughts.

The history of the world shows us what power thought has. Nations have been built and torn down, wars have been started, great books have been written and great men have been made and unmade thru the power of a single thought. When Columbus first conceived the thought that the world was round he created a thought that was to become

pregnant with life and the greatest nation in the world was to result from that thought. When Dante first began to think of religion and life, a thought was born which was predestined to grow into one of the greatest pieces of literature this world has ever known. When Alexander The Great thought that he was the greatest general on earth, he had a thought which was to work on his mind until he conquered all of the known world, at that time, and in the end that thought was to become so large and powerful that he was to forget he was a human being, as a result his downfall.

Nature has given the human being control over these thoughts and it is thru his will that these thoughts are governed, and whether a man is great or small, happy or sad all depends on how he exercises his will upon his thoughts. Thus our aim in life should be to try and control our thoughts to such an extent that every idea, every thought that is conceived in our minds will be pure and constructive.

E A S T E R

An Editorial

By DR. GEORGE WINSLOW PLUMMER



ON Sunday, April 20th, over 682,400,000 Christians of all sorts and varieties will celebrate the symbolic anniversary of an event, which, look at it as you will, has made the most powerful impress upon human thought in the entire gamut of recorded history.

Nearly twenty centuries ago, a Man, recorded in Roman History vaguely as a "Seditious Person", was taken to what was used as a dump heap in the outskirts of Jerusalem, and nailed to a Tree.

On the "third day, He rose again" and was seen by "above five hundred brethren" during a period of forty days. This fact may not impress Hollywood, Greenwich Village or Soviet Russia, but a total of over six hundred millions of believers after a period of nearly two thousand years is indubitable proof that *something* of transcendent importance *did* take place at the time stated.

In spite of alleged "external evidence" there is nothing to show that the Nazarene played politics. He set up no faction. He had no following, unless twelve fishermen and a tax-collector could be called a "following." He taught obedience to constituted authority. He taught forbearance and the practice of the Golden Rule as an *operative art* instead of a platitudinous *theory*. He healed the sick—free of charge and earned the jealousy of the medical association of His times. He raised the dead and got the local undertakers sore. He *forgave* sins and made the Temple-offering collectors mad. Finally, He made the Great Sacrifice, and gave Himself for the ultimate uplift of humanity.

Let the intelligentsia croak and the university academicians argue; April 20th will be a world-wide demonstration that Humanity still has a WHOLE-SOME FAITH in the sacrifice made, "once, for all" and for a time, at least, the schoolmen can keep their noses stuck deeply into their books while the world lets loose in a spiritual rejoicing that comes from the heart and is free from the ball-and-chain of doctrine, dogma, and theological nonsense. Easter is something beyond denominational or sectarian lines.

There are some things however, that the Great Sacrifice did NOT include,—the benefit of dressmakers, milliners, couturiers, hairdressers, cafes, haberdashers and what-not. We affirm that the Nazarene did not offer Himself on the Tree that we might have an annual round of Easter Parades, Fashion shows, and a whirl of social events, nor did He pass thru his Temptations in order that we might worship the great god SELF thru Lenten Dances and Suppers, all in the alleged name of sweet charity.

If these are all that Easter amounts to then it is the most miserable farce ever devised by warped mentality.

But it is'nt—by a, long shot!

Let those who will, receive Holy Communion and then join the Peacock Parade; if that is all their microbic mentalities can conceive of the merits of the Great Sacrifice. Millions upon millions still remain who will *see* and *feel* in this Easter season, a spiritual force operative amongst us that lifts up our jaded senses and makes us look with the eye of spiritual insight to higher, better and worthier ideas.

Occultists have their own theories about the spiritual "rays" operative at this time. Astroscientists have their theories about the astronomical phenomena extant at the time the Tragedy on Golgotha took place. Archaeologists have their theories about the alleged "pagan" origins and mythological bases of the Easter Legend. All these theories are interesting, valuable, and many of them undoubtedly true, in part at least. But the soul that is spiritually awake, tho in blissful ignorance of these factors, will still find itself in At-One-Ment with the general spirit of Easter rejoicing, that has meant freedom of thought as well as increasing freedom of body to earth's humanity all thru the intervening centuries.

In the world of matter, Easter is the season of rebirth in Nature. In the world of spirit, Easter is the season of rebirth in the soul's evolution. It is the time when spiritually, we get a new grip on eternal life, a strengthening of our higher forces; a renewal of the real faith that is in us, and in this period of renewal, it is significant that our Jewish brethren are, in many instances, finding a participation, not from any doctrinal or dogmatic standpoint but from an historical and philosophical point of view that fits nicely with their own religious heritage.

The Spirit of Easter is an universal afflatus, that enters into the heart of every human being who makes the slightest approach to an understanding of it. It works as potently in a logging camp or backwoods meeting house as in cathedral sanctuaries midst clouds of incense and glittering vestments.

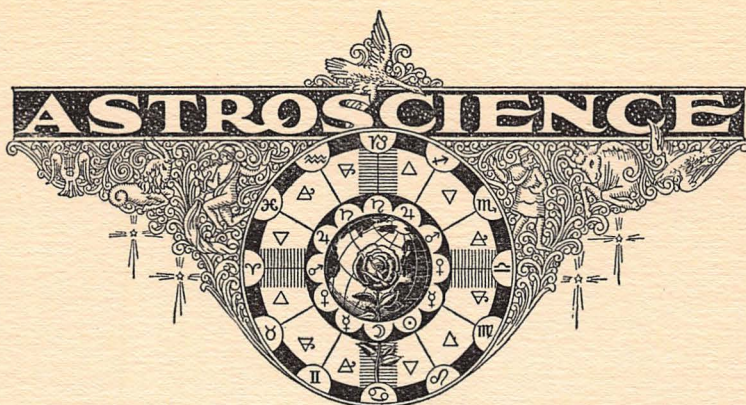
Nature knows and recognizes the Easter meaning and any man who wishes to regard himself as an integral unit in Nature had better get in line.

Dig deeply into the Easter afflatus this year. Get its real meaning. Almighty God doesn't care what you wear or how you look and the fact that you belong to "our set" doesn't cut any ice in His eyes.

Easter is essentially, the season incarnate of UNSELFISHNESS, for that is essentially what the Great Sacrifice represented. If you are not a church-goer, at least get out into the open—not on a joy ride—but where you can let go and feel yourself at-one with the great world of Nature—which is God in manifestation. Be unselfish enuf to give at least one day in this year to an attempt to make the consciousness of your at-one-ment with God a very real thing in your life.

Easter was a big turning point in Christ's career. After that, He entered into His kingdom. Easter may be a big turning point in *your* career, after which you may enter upon the best part of your life thus far—if you care to.

Remember the date—April 20th.



ZODIACAL GEMS

The Esoterism of the Gems in the High Priest's Breastplate

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WITH respect to the kabalistic or birth stones, so generally made a conceit of in the lapidary's art and adverted to in sidereal symbolism and talismanic literature, one has long

gropt in a labyrinth of theory, with no proper credentials to guide the way. They have been accredited variously to the respective signs of the Zodiac, but to the end that resultant opinions have failed to be of utile value, either as viewed sentimentally or as being in accord with the fact of a true correspondence of cognate elements in the triadic kingdoms of manifestation: for the mineral, the vegetable, and the animal worlds are interrelated in a magnetic and constitutional sense, and made participative because of specific values mutually sympathetic in the componencies of each.

In the Astral Light—which is but another name for Soul of the World—there exist the prototypes of every expression in external nature, be it mental concept or physical concrescence, hence everything in outer nature is, in dutiful measure, a focusing centre for the

assimilation of this Light in character and degree according to the sensitiveness of the receiving vessel. Thus gems as well as humans do receive and do reflect qualities that descend thru the stars as their informing spirit and so become potentialized as corporified light, and vibrative with the magnetic properties so implanted.

The geometry of the stone is comparable with the radical figure of a horoscope, its angles and its facets (aspects) being as tokens of its purport and status. We therefore see in them a cosmical kinship with the human, and because of this reciprocity one can the more easily understand why sympathies repose in their depths, and why they should reflect, each to its kind, the properties of a particular segment of the constellatory fields into that which is texturally connate therewith. As from its odor one may know the flower from which an extract is made, so from the structure and scintillance of the crystal may one trace a line of cosmic descent and read, as from a sign-manual, the planetary messages so deftly embedded in matrices germane to their purpose.

Herein is the genesis of that doctrine of signatures so clearly perceived by the

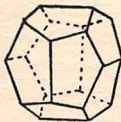

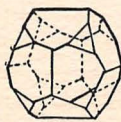

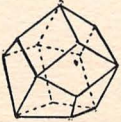

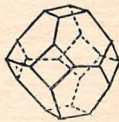
philosophers of the aforesaid, viewed by them as Nature's handwriting *in essentia*, and whereby is made obvious an identity and convertibility of principle in every structural process, with eternal Unity as the *ultima thule* or all-embracing complement—a fabric of sequences which the Great Artificer only could have conceived, fashioned, and so interwoven the one with the other as to insure for it, as it were, an automatic sovereignty. Properly resolved this conclusion is by no means chimerical, but shown to be a rational and undeniable truth worthy of serious scientific scrutiny and one capable of convincing proof.

In this law of mutual sympathy is vested the rationality of amulets, talismans, phylacteries, charms, etc., when suitably constructed, as vicarious forces that cannot be gainsaid, whatever the demurrer of the sceptic or the sciolist, for the mystic and the seer readily discern therein the same congruity as that certain chords of the diatonic scale should be productive of melody, or that one color may be complementary of another. Each is a reflection from out the Astral Light in harmonious blends.

In crystallography, as also in the composition of all minerals, there is a strict conformity of the angle of incidence to

standing, yet leaves it convinst of an identity of method and purpose whatever the plane of manifestation. For each part of an organism duplicates microcosmically that of which it is the offspring. This even is to be observed in types of the human family, wherein there is to be perceived a law of primogeniture not writ in legal tomes: for ethnological traits are transmitted from forbear to progeny with the distinguishing touches—as cranial structure, featural signs, tribal peculiarities, etc.—unimpaired, and the racial idiosyncrasies in no sense materially modified. A diversity of species, but in truth no dissociation of principle—a variegated yet withal a homogeneous Plan.

So with these lesser or mineral organizations, of which there are seven primitive forms, corresponding with the seven planetary radices, typified in the Hermetic *principia* as being in accord with certain geometrical figures, viz.: Hexagon (Sun), enneagon (Moon), octagon (Mercury), heptagon (Venus), pentagon (Mars), tetragon (Jupiter), and cube (Saturn). These forms are depicted in the crystallizations as given in our diagram, the gem correspondences as belonging to the planets being independent of those of the zodiacal signs.

MARS	SUN	VENUS	MOON	SATURN	JUPITER	MERCURY
IRON	GOLD	COPPER	SILVER	LEAD	TIN	Q. SILVER
						
Pentagon Amethyst	Hexagon Iris	Heptagon Lapis Lazuli	Enneagon Moonstone	Cube Onyx	Tetragon Hyacinth	Octagon Agate

the plane of departure, or the inclination of the respective faces to each other; in their many formations a law of constancy obtains that never varies as regards the determinant values and the fixt axial ratios of each species, even unto the integrant molecules incapable of further division. Their fracture into infinitesimal fragments will find the integrity of this law scrupulously upheld in evidence of a wondrous fealty to the creative codes that may transcend the human under-

The disagreements between writers as to the true planetary regencies in respect to stones and gems, is possibly due to the fact that these elementary constitutions are not always governed by one star alone. "Many of them receive influence, not separated, but conjoined, from many stars" (Agrippa). According to this authority, chaledony is under Saturn, Mercury, Tail of the Scorpion, and Capricorn, and Paracelsus describes it as occupying a middle nature between ob-

curity and transparency, mix^d with cloudiness—pertinent to the turn temperament and agreeably with the foregoing assignment. The sapphire is placed under Jupiter and Saturn; the emerald under Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, and the star Spica, but of lunar quality and good to the eyes and memory, more likely because of the Spica centre, a fixt star of the nature of Mars and Venus—testimony favoring the latter's reference to the organs of vision, as suggested elsewhere by the writer. The amethyst, agreeably with Hermes, is under Mars, Jupiter, and Heart of the Scorpion; the jasper under Mars, Jupiter, and the star Alchamech; the crysolite under Sun, Venus, and Mercury. The contexts of these mystical ascriptions agree with the still more ancient worthies, with whom the garnet (under Sun) was a pledge of festivity, the topaz insured chastity (the moderns agree with its assignment to Scorpio), the chalcedony (under Saturn) assisted to fortitude, and the sapphire conduced to inner light.

This varied apportioning of influence has an indirect justification nevertheless, as for example: The enlivening *light* of fire is under the dominion of the Sun, while its *heat* is under Mars, in the earth—the solar ray merely arouses the phlogistic element inherent with the centre of every corporate body, bringing it into expression at the superficies, which latter are under Moon and Mercury (moisture and consistency, the germinal and propagative instincts), while the whole mass itself is under Saturn. Further, with vegetable growths, in which Jupiter rules the fruit, Venus the flower, Mercury the seed and bark, Saturn the roots, Moon the leaves, and Mars the wood. These are relative considerations, however, and do not invalidate the fact that the dominant *Idea* from out the Soul of the World—the Astral Light—is ever infused thru a specific planetary channel for its individuation, and whence it derives its genus and temperament. Any deviation from this intent is by reason of impurity or inequality of the substance with which it enclothes itself, else hindered by “the indisposition and insufficiency of the matter.” Precious stones, tho of the

lower or inorganic planes, are peculiarly free of this admixture, hence their value and rarity, tho at times they be subject to collateral divergences in point of structural formation.

We have deemed it fitting to use the symbolism of the breastsplate of the Jewish High Priest as being authoritatively a source of information on this subject. And that because of the cosmological connotations so openly strest in the esotericism of the Hebrew religion, with said implicits revealed in the alfabet of its language thence to the uttermost reaches of a superstructure whose fundamental idea is comprehensive of all forces in Nature—elements, principles, number, letters, sounds, emanations, dominions, powers, principalities—all codified in accordance with a mystical credo that fills interstellar space with living intelligence and embrative purpose. Much of this is now largely traditional, and probably debatable in places because of elapst time since first formulated by those profetic old seers, but hidden in the internal form of the Kaballah to be apprehended only by the initiate. But its involved ritualism continues a reality with the student of the inner Mysteries, and he is therefore the better fitted to undersand that apparently inanimate bodies are receptacles for influences that are generated thru the stellar wombs, likewise possessing within themselves—as saith Paracelsus—a *star* of their own that responds sympathetically to all attuned therewith. Not to accept this element of reciprocity in a scheme whose relations are those of interdependance and solidarity is to do violence against the postulates of a faith that has been and can be further justified thru observation combined with interior cognition.

To one who is a searcher into the profundities of the occult it is not difficult to discover in this priestly badge a far-reaching suggestion of what is perhaps the most intricate system of ecclesiocracy ever devised by the mystical mind—a something that leads with more tangible and methodic purpose into the inner sanctuaries than is to be found in the purely ethical codes of speculative theology. For fundamentally this is truly the *imprimatur* of a system whose

doctrinals cover the entire sum and substance of the intracosmic realms, and one perceives in it certain basic intimations that unite the region of principles with planes that transcend human intellection; a cultus that reconciles cosmogony with theogony, science with philosophical religionism, and suggests herein further celestial immensities thru which run kabalistic Paths to be trodden by man in his descent as well as in his reclamation. Here are emblemized the twelve consecrations taken from the figurative Jordan (Kosmos) at the behest of Joshua, to serve as foundation stones in the up-building of the microcosmic temple; the twelve tribes of Israel being as divisions of the spiritual body politic, vivified by the Sun's revolutional stations as it traverses each zodiacal domain, and with the precious stones belonging thereto as symbolic reflectors of the solar effulgence in that the geometry of each crystal is a configurative seal confirmative of the planetary principle involved.

One glimpses in this foundational feature an earnest of that which is prenamed in *Arcanum XVIII.* of the 22 Major Keys of the Kaballah, thus interpreted (F. Ch. Barlet): "This is the region of the principles of the solar system; in it life becomes clear; its distribution from the solar centre to all the planets and their reciprocal influence are understood in all details, in what the occultists name the correspondences."

The breastplate itself is genuinely illuminative as regards intent and design, its emblematology such as to remove it from the domain of speculation, for it contains a wealth of suggestion too essentially cosmical to doubt its purport as being reflective of recondite principles in pictographic guise but none the less a similitude of things mistakenly supposed to be hidden, and therefore a "a symbol of immensity—a firmanent reflected in a sea."* But our modest opinion is that it has gone somewhat astray of its original spirit, and that to an extent purposely in

the false notion that those seeking truth were not entitled to an enlightenment meant to remain accessible only to the initiate, else a growing unfamiliarity with Astrology dissociated it from its imaginary mysteries, and thus to have confused the inner meanings.

The task of making it accommodative to lucid presentation is one of puzzlement to the wayfarer along the mystical highways, but with the help of crystallography, a cursory knowledge of Astrology, and a modicum of logic, we believe the solution can be effected in a manner that will appeal to the convictions of the analytically inclined.

Incidentally we find no authority for the marginal annotations opposite the 28th chapter of *Exodus*—that this and that gem was the signet of this and that tribe, and as there given they lack authentication and seem merely the gratuitous opinion of a whilom commentator meant to misguide the inquisitive mind, as per above hint, for we are told from an authoritative source that "their correct tabulations have been carefully concealed." Very plausible, for the writer has seen three different representations (not necessarily reproductions) of this breastplate, the one at variance with the others, and each of these impresses one as being a scientific if not a sectarian solecism. Yet it hardly becomes one thus to comment upon what is doubtless beyond the lay comprehension as regards churchly polity, tho they seem not in accord with the eternal verities. Nevertheless one finds nuggets of wisdom here embedded in kabalistic ores that need only a cupellative process in order to reduce them to their proper values. Besides, as described in *Exodus* they disagree in allocations with those given to the twelve divisions in the building of the Holy City in *Revelation*, a palpable incongruity but which can, in a measure, be explained in the fact that the *Exodus* account visions the World of Formation, or the inceptive processes in

* Dr. George Frederick Kuntz, the world's greatest gem expert, writing in the New York Sun, says: "The suggestion of a special gem for each month was probably suggested by the original breastplate worn by the High Priest of Israel. This contained twelve gems, one for each of the tribes. The original breastplate was eight inches by eight inches, and the theory

is that this was lost or broken up during the Babylonian Captivity. It is thought that the one which was seen by Josephus in the Temple in Roman times was put together in the fifth or fourth century B. C. This vanished when Jerusalem was captured and sacked by the Sassanian Persians under Khusrau II., in 615 A. D."

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3 FIRE 6 AIR 9 WATER 12 EARTH	3 Kislev ז JOSEPH יוסף Carbuncle	Ab א JUDAH יראה Ruby	Nisan פ BENJAMIN בנימין Amethyst	1
	6 Sebat כז REUBEN ראובן Blue Sapphire	Tisri טז GAD גד Diamond	Sivan ס SIMON & LEVI צוי שמעון Beryl	4
	9 Adar אד MANASSAH מאנשה Chrysolite	Hesvan ח DAN דן Topaz	Thammuz תמוז ZEBULON זבולן Emerald	7
	12 Sebat כז NAPTHALI נפתלי Onyx	Elul אלול ASHER אשר Jasper	Jiar א ISSACHAR יששכר Agate	10

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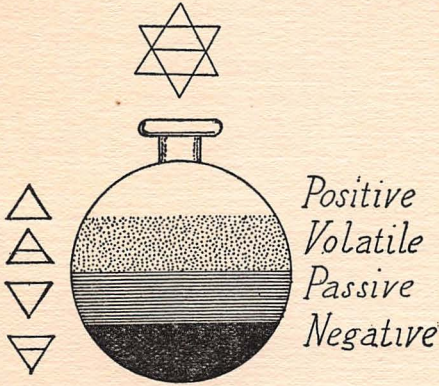
Generation, while the other appertains directly to Regeneration, the telestic unions that lead to the Divine Consummation.

A very suggestive purpose is disclosed in the construction of this breastplate, with three across and four down in agreement with the zodiacal signs. These four trigonal divisions could have meant nothing more nor less than the four elemental triplicities, and it follows that these should be in conformity with the specific gravities of said elements, tho it is to be remembered that those of which we speak are of the nature of primary subsistences, or modes of motion, and of themselves cannot be reduced to specific gravities or atomic weights as in the case of their manifestation on the outer or grosser planes; their visible or tangible expression being each an admixture of the others while yet retaining their distinctive complexions. They are delineated in the accompanying diagram as a reconstructed breastplate more in consonance with the principles involved.

Here we have the elements correctly placed in respect to their gravities, for notwithstanding a co-equality between the Elements by virtue of their interdependence, to each was conceded a distinction in respect of weight and density, in gradational ratio from subtilty to grossness thru Fire, Air, Water, Earth. While these may not be considered apart or separately, or as superimposed the one upon the other, yet such is the order of the Empyrean that the subtile and the more volatile shall be less resistant to gravity than are the coarser textures.

A very pretty experiment in illustration of this fact may thus be performed: Place in a glass globe to one-quarter height the powder of some solid metal, to represent the element of Earth; on this to middle of globe the spirit of water tintured green, as the equivalent of the element of Water; on that, the spirit of turpentine tintured with blue, for Air; and in the upper quarter, the spirit of wine tintured with red, to correspond with Fire. These will thus maintain a resi-

dence distinctive with each, and no matter how roughly agitated they will quickly reassume the same relative positions.



While the breastplate itself is inscribed only with the tribal names, we have placed thereon some extra notations incidental to each division for the reader's consideration of the reader, including the Jewish months, beginning with Nisan, etc., names borrowed from the Chaldeans and Persians. These comprehended a civil and an ecclesiastical year, the first beginning with Tisri (Libra), the months being measured therefrom by the Sun. But after their departure from Egypt they established the ecclesiastical year, or a new annular chronology that started with Nisan (Aries), or March, the inauguration of the sacred or holy year. These are based upon the course of the Moon, the neomenias being the commencement of each successive month, and so from New Moon in March to the New Moon in April as being the first month.* This is the origin of why

Astrology recognizes the importance of the the New Moon nearest the Vernal Equinox. So, in order to know one's proper zodiacal gem, cognizance must be taken of which of these successive lunar periods held the time of nativity; as for instance, the New Moon in March, 1929, occurred on the 11th, the next on April 9th, then May 9th, constituting Aries, Taurus, Gemini, and so on. This may sound confusing, but it is consistent with intracosmic law, and for which other reasons could be given, but too involved for presentation here. But the rising sign can as well determine the selection of a birth stone.

It is on the basis of this ecclesiastical or sacred year that the breastplate is fashioned, and for greater perspicuity the appended Table shows the assembling of these constituent factors:

In substantiation of these zodiacal assignments to the respective tribes, as here revised, one need only have recourse to Holy Writ, as per following, all the references, unless otherwise indicated, to be found in the 49th chapter of Genesis.

Aries

"Benjamin shall ravin like a wolf." The wolf as a predatory beast is under the dominion of Mars, and was identified with the ram, or a "wolf in sheep's clothing."

Taurus

"Issachar is a strong ass, couching down between two burdens." Thou shalt not plough with an ox and ass together." "Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? *Deut. xxii. 10* or loweth the ox over fodder?"

♈	March	Nisan	Benjamin	Amethyst
♉	April	Jiar	Issachar	Agate
♊	May	Sivan	Simon & Levi	Beryl
♋	June	Thammuz	Zebulon	Emerald
♌	July	Ab	Judah	Ruby
♍	August	Elul	Asher	Jasper
♎	September	Tisri	Gad	Diamond
♏	October	Hesvan	Dan	Topaz
♐	November	Kislev	Joseph	Carbuncle
♑	December	Thebet	Naphtali	Onyx
♒	January	Sebat	Reuben	Blue Sapphire
♓	February	Adar	Ephraim & Manasseh	Chrysolite

* The discrepancy thus resulting between the two time measurements was rectified every third year by the intercalation of an extra

month, which served to recover the equinoctial points again.

Gemini

"Simeon and Levi are brethren."

Cancer

"Zebulon shall dwell at the haven of the sea" (home of the crab). "Elton was buried in the house of Zebulon" *Judges xii*. 12. Cancer is the fourth house, known in Astrology as the grave, or end of things.

Leo

"Judah is the lion's whelp. . . . He stooped down and couched as a lion." The sceptre shall not depart from Judah." Leo is the royal sign.

Virgo

Asher. "His bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties." The season at close of summer.

Libra

"The children of Gad passed over armed." *Joshua iv*. 12. This is the fall equinox, or a crossing of the equatorial belt. "Pass over before the ark of the Lord." *Ibid iv*. 5. And Joshua is commanded to choose twelve men, with twelve stones from the river Jordan. This is the month of Tisri, the beginning of the civil year, hence the above injunction.

Scorpio

"Dan shall be a serpent, an adder that biteth the horse's heels," the following sign of the Horseman.

Sagittarius

Joseph. "The archers have sorely grieved him. . . . His bow abode in strength."

Capricorn

"Naphtali is a hind let loose," that is, a deer or goat with horns. A new dispensation is here projected, or "let loose," and the Sun begins a new revolution from the nadir of the mystical plisphere.

Aquarius

Reuben. "Unstable as water thou shalt not excel. Again, "Thou art my

first born," following the inauguration of the above new solar revolution.

Pisces

Ephraim and Manasseh. "Manasseh shall eat Ephraim and Ephraim Manasseh." *Isaiah ix*. 21. A transition from the last to the first sign of the Zodiac. It is here that the whale (Cetus) swallowed Jonah. The consuming of an old order and the inception of a new.

In truth there could be a multiplicity of stones of a structure consonant with the cosmical characteristics of these divisions of the solar circle, as also of the planets, as for instance the opal to Libra, or the stone iris, of hexagonal structure, to the Sun. But the effort here has been to arrive at what was originally adopted as representative of the principles respectively typified, and so to comport with the mystical requirements as sanctioned by the Hebraic law and a cosmic religion whose credentials are admeasured to a celestial eiduration that gives cognizance to all the forces in Nature, the inner as well as the outer. With due consideration given the foregoing testimonies, and a marshalling of all the facts in their relation the one with the other, the conclusion seems logical and consistent that we have here the true allocations in respect to the gems and the zodiacal signs, tho these be at variance with the many previous assumptions on the subject.

Withal, a calm consideration of the wonderful suggestions uncovered in an enquiry of this nature makes one marvel at the adroitness with which the system was constructed, with its close adherence to the celestial panoplies that sweep athwart the starry domains, or the metaphorical nuances that resound with every cosmical vibration. Truly enuf to beget in one a nostalgic yearning to reunite with the source whence he sprang, each unto his proper celestial tribe or zodiacal domicile, while yet a correlative of a composite Whole, and so to become a conscious part of that Univercoelum which envelope all alike, the mineral, the next higher growth, and Man as the epitome of them all. All is LAW, and the Seeming thus takes on a semblance of the Real.

DETERMINING THE BIRTHDATE OF THE MARRIAGE PARTNER FROM A PERSON'S NATIVITY

Interesting Research in an Important and Undeveloped Field

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REGARDING the suggestions that I write something for publication in *MERCURY*, preferably upon the subject of my theory regarding the rule for determining birth dates of marriage partners, concerning which I first wrote some time ago.

I have been loath to make public announcement of something which still exists as a theory and have deferred doing so, thinking I might have an opportunity to make further research. However, on more mature deliberation, I have decided that should there be some existing rule, as yet undiscovered, whereby one may determine the birthdate of the marriage partner from a person's nativity. It can be more readily discovered if more than one mind is working upon the subject. All that any diligent astrologian would need, would be a few suggestions as to the probable working of the rule and the causes underlying it.

I will try to be brief and will illustrate my theory with my own nativity:

I was born at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 29, 1883, at approximately 3:55:27 p. m., right ascension of the midheaven 16 hrs. 27 min. 57 sec., or 246° 59' 15"; cusps and positions of planets as shown below.

I will not vouch for the absolute accuracy of my figures but they are near enough for the purposes of this article.

I married twice. My first wife (from whom I was divorced) was born July 18, 1891; we were married February 5, 1912. My second wife (who died), was born February 14, 1899; we were married January 10, 1920.

My first wife was symbolized by Uranus, as a glance at my nativity will show. Hence, to find her birth date, let us subtract the right ascension of Uranus in my nativity from the right ascension of my radical midheaven; RA Uranus 175° 18'; RAMC 246° 59' 15"; difference 71° 41' 15" (meridian distance). As the right ascension of Uranus is less than that of the midheaven, let us subtract the meridian distance from my birth date (Sept. 29th)—say two months and eleven days—and it gives us July 18th, which is the date of my first wife.

X		XI	XII	Asc.	II	III
Sag. 8°40'		Sag. 29°	Cap. 21°	Aquar 22°03'	Aries 10°	Taurus 14°
	LONG.			DECL.	LAT.	R.A.
Neptune	20°45'	Taurus R.		16°13'N.	1°48'S.	48°47'
Saturn	10°06'	Gemini R.		20°02'N.	1°58'S.	68°46'
Mars	22°10'	Cancer		22°25'N.	0°49'N.	114°05'
Jupiter	0°26'	Leo		20°18'N.	0°14'N.	122°41'
Moon	22°24'	Virgo		0°07'S.	3°20'S.	171°42'
Uranus	24°34'	Virgo		2°50'N.	0°43'N.	175°18'
Sun	6°27'23"	Libra		2°34'S.	-----	185°55'
Venus	8°52'	Libra		2°20'S.	1°17'N.	188°39'
Mercury	20°31'	Libra R.		11°17'S.	3°33'S.	197°36'

Meridian distances: From M. C., Mercury 49 23' 15"; Venus 58 20' 15"; Sun 61 4' 15"; Uranus 71 41' 15"; Moon 75 17' 15"; from nadir, Saturn 1 46' 45"; Neptune 18 12' 15"; Mars 47 5' 45"; Jupiter 55 41' 45".

Now, a glance at my nativity will show Leo on the cusp of the 7th with Jupiter in it, being the only planet in Leo. As the 7th rules marriage and Leo, the 5th sign, rules the heart, we may conclude that Jupiter will have something to do with my marriage. Let us see:

Jupiter is below the horizon. Its meridian distance from the nadir is $55^{\circ} 41' 45''$. As the nadir is 180° from the midheaven, let us add 180° to $55^{\circ} 41' 55''$ and we have $235^{\circ} 41' 45''$. We'll divide that by 30° to give the approximate months and we get 7 months 25 days. This seven months 25 days we subtract from my birthdate (Sept. 29th) and we get February 4th. I was married on February 5th 1912, a leap year, the extra day in February throwing the marriage date on the 5th instead of the 4th, as would have occurred in an ordinary year.

Note that I have not been splitting mathematical hairs. It is the *idea*, the *theory*, that I want to make clear. You will have plenty of opportunity to experiment on your own nativity and those of your friends.

Now let us go on to the consideration of my second marriage:

My second wife was described by the sign on the cusp of the 7th. Her birth would occur when the Sun was in opposition to the degree of the sign on the 7th cusp; hence the time of year when the Sun will reach the degree on my ascendant, will be her birthdate. As the ascendant shifts according to the latitude of the place of birth, using tables of houses that are only approximately of the latitude of the place of birth will give an approximate date. Also, as the first house extends five degrees above its cusp, we must allow for a five degree orb of influence. Also the marriage partner may be born in some other latitude, which might require reconciliation. I point these out as factors to be taken into consideration in research work.

Taking my own case: If we consider my ascendant as approximately correct (Aquarius $22^{\circ} 03'$), let us note when the Sun arrives at this point, after birth. The ephemeris shows February 11th. My second wife was born February 14th

(1899). Approximate birth place; Long. $113^{\circ} 34'$ West; Lat. $42^{\circ} 24'$ North. Longitude and latitude of Camp Douglas, which is about three miles east of my birth place; Long. $111^{\circ} 50' 18.02''$ West, Lat. $40^{\circ} 45' 47.47''$ North. (My first wife was born at Salt Lake City, Utah.) It will be noted that my second wife's birth date falls within the orb of five degrees.

Now, since my second wife was described by the sign on the cusp of the 7th, we will take the right ascension of the *descendant* and subtract it from the right ascension of the midheaven and it will give a meridian distance which, when *added* to my birth date, gives the date of my marriage to my second wife. Right ascension of descendant approximately $144^{\circ} 22'$ (by glancing at the New York tables of houses); meridian distance approximately $102^{\circ} 37'$; divide by 30° , gives 3 months 12 days, which add to September 29th and we get January 11th. My second marriage took place January 10th and perhaps accurate figures would equate to that date.

I am sorry that I have not been able to devote more time to this research work but circumstances have prevented it and will continue to do so for some time to come. It is my apology for releasing something not based on minute calculations. Of course some of the calculations are very accurate but others are necessarily approximations. If I get others to working along this line, I have accomplished what I set out to do. For convenience, I have figured thirty degrees as a month, and a degree for a day in parts of a month.

In theorizing, I might add, that where the cusp of the 7th house represents the wife, the Sun (symbol of marriage in a woman's nativity), would show her birth date when in the man's ascendant (her 7th). The 7th in a man's nativity stands for the ascendant of his wife. Hence, if the 7th symbolizes the wife and the Sun is not in the ascendant at birth, her birth date should correspond to the time when it arrives there.

If we examine the nativities of women, to ascertain whether or not there be some rule for determining the birth date of the

husband, we must bear in mind that her nativity is handled differently in the matter of marriage calculations and make due allowance. This is an extension of the field, and once the rules are discovered (if there be any such rules) for determining the birthdate, etc., of a man's wife, from the man's nativity, the rest can be worked out, so I will not go

into the nativities of my two wives at this time.

If you think the foregoing is of sufficient interest to warrant publishing, you may do so. I am sorry I am not able to go into the matter deeply at this time. Perhaps circumstances may shape themselves in the future so that I might add a supplemental paper.

AMONG THE COLLEGES

MAGI COLLEGE MOVES

Magi College, in the fourth year of its existence, was presented this past year, by one of its members, with a beautiful gold Chalice and Paten, while two other members gave the following brasses; Cross, two Seven Brancht, two Eucharistic and two Altar candle sticks, as well as two torches for the Ancients, as a New Year's gift to the College, so our Altar is glowingly beautiful in the light of the candles and worthy the purpose it is to serve.

We are this month moving into new quarters which will give us an Adytum, a class room and small store room. This will mean that the Adytum will be open to members only and used solely for Convocations. This is an ideal we have been working toward for some time. The class room is being attractively furnished and will be used, not only as a class room, but will be open at least one afternoon a week as a reading room for those interested in occult subjects, who have not as yet acquired a library of their own.

The College Library is being stocked in a way which is not a burden upon any individual. Each member celebrates his or her birthday by presenting a book pertaining to our work in particular, or occultism in general, and two members have made wills which bequeath the College their entire libraries in case of death.

Study classes are conducted once a week, two meetings a month being devoted to the study of "*Rosicrucian Fundamentals*", one to the First Year's Lessons, "Occult Science", and one to the Fourth Year's Lessons, "Kabalistic Series". Attendance might be termed 100%, as absence is usually due to illness or absence from the City.

The Classes are conducted on the question and answer basis, with the teacher supplementing or elucidating the subject in hand whenever necessary; and lively are the discussions at times, for the members come prepared in their work. The Kabalistic Series is the only class conducted as a lecture, and this is interspersed by discussion as all feel free to ask questions or express a desire for fuller explanation of any point considered.

These Classes are quite inspiration for all concerned, and one of the happiest products of our College Life.

PYRAMID COLLEGE ACTIVE

Your good letter was read before our College and as a means of getting a personal touch from the members of our group, I requested the members to engage in a sort of testimonial meeting. This brought out a great deal that tends to show the true "Universal" nature of our work, and all expressed themselves in such a way as to show how deeply they appreciate their membership in the S. R. I. A. Many of them explained how they had been "seeking" for a long time, reading various books on "New Thought", taking courses in "Psychology, in so called "Truth", in "Hindu" and "Yogi" philosophy, etc. In other words they had tried one thing after another in their search for "Light" until they contacted some member of the S. R. I. A. and subsequently became members of Pyramid College, and as a result, at last found themselves enrolled in a school where a definite and progressive course of study is provided, which enables them to advance as rapidly as their desires and capabilities permit.

Our membership is happy and active. Eleven have been advanced to the Zelator Degree, 1-10, and are now diligently preparing for the Theoricus Degree, 2-9 while the Neophytes are also doing the same for the Zelator Degree. This means definite progressive attainment for them and represents a marked contrast to their former gropings about, shifting from one thing to another, with little or no progress.

During the past two years we have conducted a class in *Rosicrucian Fundamentals* for non-members and have found it an excellent means of interesting prospective new members for the S. R. I. A. It also seems to assist greatly in aiding the "Seekers" to find us.

What we think a delightful custom, has developed within our College in the past two years. It is in the nature of a "Christmas Convocation", but since so many of our members are business folk, we have set aside the Sunday morning between Christmas and

New Years, and on that Sunday morning at seven A. M. precisely, we hold our Christmas Convocation which is followed after the Closing with a "Christmas breakfast" during which we exchange greetings. It promotes the feeling of good fellowship and is a delightful custom which we shall undoubtedly maintain.

We feel that 1930 holds great promise for Pyramid College and look forward to a substantial increase in membership and with such increase greater activity and interest.

THE HOUSE OF THE S.'S.'.

Metropolitan College holds its Convocations at the Cathedral Chapel of the Holy Trinity, (Davis Memorial), at Headquarters, and therefore its report is largely a chronicle of events at Headquarters. During the past year it united with Headquarters in a thoro renovation and redecoration of the Chapel. As the work proceeded, other Colleges of our jurisdiction joined in, and the result is a beautiful example of the harmonious and loving co-operation of our Collegiate bodies.

In commemoration of the 300th consecutive Convocation, held May 24th, 1929, covering a period of over twenty years, our beautiful new chancel was appropriately dedicated, on December 1, 1929. The Altar, with its splendid Venetian mosaic and Travertine marble frontal, is a memorial to Mrs. Maude E. Parsell. The Tabernacle, with carved door, polychromed, is a memorial to Marie E. Beard, as is also the Sanctuary Lamp bearing the Ever-Burning Light. A fine Credence with hand carved oak doors: new altar-hangings and linens, complete the working factors.

The seating was designed and installed by the American Seating Company. Tapestries back of the Principal Stations offer symmetrical relief in the general effect, while the heraldic embellishments, prepared by Mr. Berthold G. Audsley, whose work in the heraldry of the English Bishopricks has made him an authority, give appropriate touches of color. The construction work has been under the supervision of Wor. Leslie G. Schaumann, whose knowledge of antiques and period furnishings has been indispensable to the work.

A fine "Prophet Pitcher" used in early times for baptismal purposes was presented by Sr. M. Catherine Whitehead. By a wonderful coincidence, its mate was found by Fr. H. V. A. Parsell, and these two rare examples of ecclesiastical art are now a part of the Chapel furnishings.

The "old north light" has been replaced by a new pedestal and shaft in memory of Wor. Fr. Charles G. Turner. This, and the new Western Wisdom Religion Light in Memory of the Past Adepts of the Fraternity in the West, was dedicated January 10, 1930.

This description is given because the Chapel at Headquarters is the focal point of noon-time meditation and concentration of all loyal members of the Fraternity. The Chapel belongs to them. They have created it. They maintain it, and so we want them to have as good a picture of it as they can develop. We hope that all members of the Fraternity will make a visit to the Chapel and carry from it somewhat of the spiritual aura of the peace it enshrines.

SUBLIME LIGHTS

By CHARLES NEVERS HOLMES

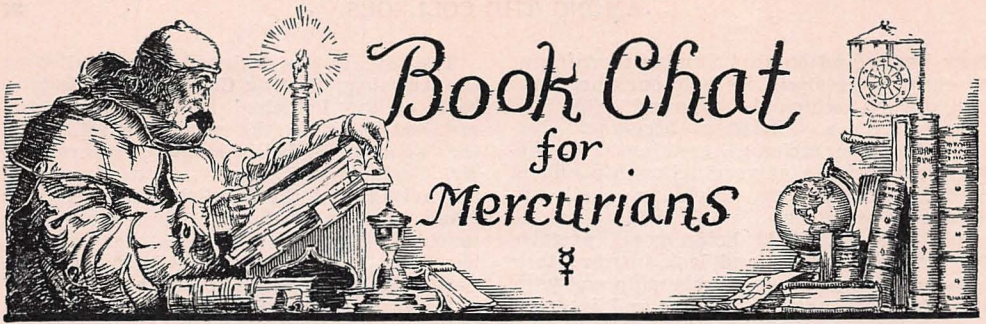


HE Holy Bible—Greatest Light,—
Whose precepts warn and bless,
Will guide our feet in paths aright
To truth and happiness.

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From Virtue, pure and fair;
That we should walk her narrow way,
Within her watchful care.

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To those of mortal birth,
That in our lives there be no taint
And men respect our worth.

O Holy Bible—Greatest Light,—
O Compasses and Square,
Instruct our hearts in what is right
And guide us everywhere.



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VAMPIRISM STILL ENTHRALLS

The Mediaeval Idea Still Lives in Literature and Popular Superstition



THE VAMPIRE IN EUROPE; By Montague Summers. (E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.) The title brings up thoughts of *Dracula* and there are thousands who do, literally, look under the bed and make sure that shadows are redust to a minimum in their sleeping rooms. The idea of the Vampire is as ancient as the hills, probably because, like all myth, it has a foundation in fact to some degree. There are blood-sucking animals, parasites, reptiles and even plants. There are types of human beings, *sanguinophobiacs*, who, abnormally, have a craving for human blood. In fact they will attempt to satisfy this craving even with the warm blood of animals just slaughtered, as every *abbatoir* is well aware. There are persons, who, perfectly normal, have the unfortunate faculty of absorbing the vitality of a weaker organism while merely being in company with the latter. Men (and women) who are obliged to give interviews to a considerable number of persons well know this phenomenon. Some visitors deplete them of their vitality to an enervating extent. From such phenomena in the known world, it does not require much exercise of the imagination to develop stories into which dead bodies that are "undead" are projected as heroes or villains as the case may be. The Evil Eye, "Were Wolf" and similar legends have had their origins somewhat similarly.

The vampire superstition will not down. In the city of Dusseldorf, in that year of disgrace, 1929, 600,000 inhabitants were held spellbound in fear, over the atrocious murders of twenty people, mostly young girls, who were stabbed, mutilated and buried in

the city dump heaps, while the maniac wrote letters to the police informing them where bodies would be found, and laughed the officials to scorn. Yet Dusseldorf was formerly one of the principal centers of the vampire superstition and even during the present reign of terror, a considerable percentage of the population insists upon resurrecting the old legends and solemnly assuring themselves, at least, that they are suffering from a vampiric visitation. Serious business men insist that the whole matter is one of witchcraft, others that the city is overshadowed by "dark angels."

The present book is a notable collection and examination of the stories and claims relating to this world-wide tradition, and its assumed phenomena in all countries and from remotest antiquity have been arranged in sequential form for ready reference and study in an absorbingly interesting manner. It would hardly seem that such a subject could be made interesting to a general reading public, yet such is the miracle accomplished by Mr. Summers. It is an amazing volume, startling, interesting, informative and authoritative.

MYSTICISM AND PSYCHISM



MODERN PSYCHIC MYSTERIES; By Gwendolyn Kelley Hack. (Rider & Co., London, Eng.) Preface by Prof. E. Bozzano. A record of remarkable manifestations of psychic force which occurred at Millesimo Castle, where a member of the Italian aristocracy, the Marquis Centurione Scotto, after the death of his son, the Marquis Vittorio dei Principi Centurione, began to exhibit mediumistic phe-

nomena of unexampled strength. The subsequent records of the experimental work carried out at Millesimo Castle by a group of scientific and non-professional psychical researchers, while characterized by the meticulous accuracy which alone is of value to the scientific mind, nevertheless embodies an enthralling narrative of contemporary psychic mysteries as interesting as it is valuable." In these words, the writer describes this work. It is as interesting as claimed. It is a valuable contribution to the bibliography of psychical research.



ATLANTIS AND ANDALUCIA; By E. M. Wishaw. (*Rider & Co., London, Eng.*). A "Study of Folk Memory." Literature relating to Atlantis is rapidly increasing. We are glad of it, because the more we have of really scientific researchers, the less we shall hear of the inanities and silly burlings about a marvelous civilization which existed only in the authors' imaginations. Atlantis did have a distinct culture but there is not one shred of evidence to indicate that it ever approximated anything that we can understand by civilization today. Mr. Wishaw, in 25 years of study, points out in his book how the student may find "startling evidences of Atlantean civilization which are accessible and available to any student who cares to make no longer journey than to the pleasant land of Southern Spain." But Mr. Wishaw's idea of an Atlantean civilization is eminently sane and one that we can accept even more than provisionally. Profusely illustrated. A remarkably fine contribution to Atlantean lore and one that we believe subsequent researches will justify.



THE MYSTERIES OF EGYPT; By Lewis Spence. (*The House of Rider, London, Eng.*) Lewis Spence's antiquarian and research works have long been exceedingly popular with readers of *MERCURY*. The present volume deals with the "strange and fantastic rites of initiation into the secret cultus, and the ceremonial and philosophy embraced by them." Heretofore, it largely has been left for the student to work out seemingly reasonable solutions to the initiatory system from the translations of the ancient rituals supplied by standard Egyptological works, for the mouthings of various occult enthusiasts have proved to be of little if any value. Spence is a student and a careful writer and thus far we have learned to place much reliance upon his observations. His present work is eminently worth while to all who are interested in the ancient source of wisdom. Sixteen specially selected illustrations.

BIOGRAPHICAL



THE LIFE OF MARY EDDY; By Sibyl Wilbur. (*Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Mass.*) This work, of approximately 400 pages, the original edition of which appears to have been approved by Mrs. Eddy, does not exhibit anything that may be called new material regarding the life of the Founder of Christian Science. The contents present a resume of what has been already given thru many and various sources, but in a form approved by the C. S. authorities. Those who are, for various reason, interested in the data relating to Mrs. Eddy will find in this biographical resume the "other side" to several moot questions. Members of the Press will be especially interested in the account given of the famous interview accorded to the Press by Mrs. Eddy at Concord. Principally, and aside from being the C. S. presentation of Mr. Eddy's life, this work will be valuable as a general sequence of the important events in this notable woman's life career. She has made for herself an important place in American thought and regardless of the mixed sentiments that center about her personality, she has performed a work and given a message that is not only important, but, in the light of progressive thought, vital to our unfolding mentalism. She was the Apostle of Mentalism, a true Messenger. The biography is pleasingly written, interesting and inspiring.



SOME UNPUBLISHED LETTERS OF HELENA PETROVNA BLAVATSKY; With an Introduction and Commentary by Eugene Rollin Corson, B.S., M.D. (*Rider & Co., London, Eng.*) This collection of important letters will be read with mingled sentiments by Theosophists and others who are interested in a better or deeper understanding of the remarkable woman known to the world as "H. P. B." This desire for a better understanding of her marvelous personality is justified by the powerful impress she has made upon the world's thought and the results of that thought. Every additional contribution of serious comment based upon newly acquired material concerning her will be welcomed. If such contributions alter in some respects our previous estimates it does not mean a loss to us in any sense but a clearer concept of the working of higher planes of thought and inspiration thru the instruments it finds best adapted to its use. Human judgments are most fallible. We may reshape some of our ideas after reading the present volume but, on the whole, we shall have a greater appreciation of the complex personality that did, undoubtedly, serve as a "light-bearer."

MISCELLANEOUS



EOS, or The Wider Aspects of Cosmogony; By J. H. Jeans, D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S. (*E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.*) Someday we're going to form a Society for the Elimination of Alphabetical Embellishments. Some of these erudite chaps are "Doctors" or so many things at the same time, it makes us dizzy. Anyhow, Jeans, etc., etc., etc., has put out a book of 88 pages that will give your cerebral convolutions contortions and make the old think-tank sizzle. Did you know that the giant star Betelgeuse consists of atoms 99% of which are non-permanent and that, ultimately, that giant sun will shrink to about 1% of its present size? This, and a few other facts, cause us to feel that, after all, our little earth-pill isn't wholly to be despised. Perhaps we had better hang on to it a while longer. The new world in which astronomy moves at the present day is all a discovery of the present century. The farther we get from any hook-up between Church and State, the more we learn about the big facts bulging around us. The sun is losing mass at the rate of 360,000,000 tons per day, but there won't be any particular danger to us for about 15 million million years. This thought is consoling. You find out a lot more from Bro. Jeans if you get his book. It doesn't weigh more than two or three ounces but it is heavy with fact and a marvelous amount of knowledge marvelously condensed.



FREEMASONRY IN THE THIRTEEN COLONIES; By J. Hugo Tatsch. (*Macoy Publishing Co., New York, N. Y.*) Research in Masonic history finds many interested auditors, both within and without the Craft. Little enuf, of Masonic history in Colonial times is known. Much of what has been assumed to be history is a curious compound that even alchemy could not resolve. Fact and fable are interwoven. The author, formerly Curator and Associate Editor of the Iowa Masonic Library, presents in a volume of 300 pages a collection of articles relating to factual knowledge of Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies, from early times to the formation of the American Grand Lodges. The Lodge of Hessians; Freemasonry in Florida under the Spanish, a man becoming Grand Master before he was even a Master and a Grand Lodge formed of only two lodges give high lights as to the contents of this interesting book. It will be welcomed and valued by every Masonic student and those who are interested in early American History as well.



ICE AGES, Recent and Modern; By A. P. Coleman. (*Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y.*) The author, an M.A., Ph.D., and F.R.S., and besides all these Emeritus Professor of Geology in the University of Toronto, makes a cold subject read like hot news. The Ice Age is invested with mystery in many ways and to the average layman it is something of a myth. Prof. and Dr. Coleman gives us a true story of the Ice that is absorbingly interesting to the layman and mighty informative to the student or scientist. Well chosen illustrations help. Our earth presents a decidedly new picture as we read the vigorous autographs of the glaciers left in solid rock, and the beautiful topographical formations that make up our landscapes. The story of the Ice Age is a story of our earth ages ago when vastly different forms of life from what we are accustomed to see held sway. Get this book and read it yourself. An unusual book on a subject unusually presented.



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CHRISTOS; By William Kingsland. (*John M. Watkins, London, Eng.*) Outlining our extent of knowledge scientific and otherwise, regarding Nature, the universe and the Principle of Evolution and Involution. The impossibility of archaic theological notions is clearly shown and the deeper ideals of Christian principles originating in the *Gnosis*, culminating in the Indwelling Christ Principle are developed. 120 pages, each one better than the preceding. Very, very good! Books like this one are apt to be far-reaching in their ultimate effect for they are convenient to those who are not blest with an overplus of time and yet desire pabulum of a sustaining character. A new and broad outlook on life and insight into it will result from the reading of the little volume.



MAN MADE PERFECT; By Mabel Beatty, C.B.E. (*Rider & Co., London, Eng.*) We wish to heaven we knew what the "C.B.E." stands for; we can't find it in any dictionary of academic symbols or abbreviations. This book purports to be a series of teachings sent by the "White Brotherhood" thru the author. Frankly, we wish no claims to automatism had been made and that the White Brotherhood had not been trotted out as a background. This "White Brotherhood" is used by every charlatan we know of as advertising material and has come to be one of the means of establishing charlatanry. But Mabel Beatty (Miss or Mrs.) doesn't seem to be in the latter class. She has produced a good book, one that we recommend to our readers with genuine pleasure. We have never seen the "Perfect Man" except, of course, with pardonable personal blushes. The species is rare indeed and any formula will be welcomed by many members of the more "deadly of the species." Nevertheless and notwithstanding, "*Man Made Perfect*" is unusually good in many respects and has considerable informative matter that listens reasonably. New thoughts are given to old subjects and new matter is presented. A book of broad appeal.



THE RELIGION FOR AMERICA; By A. P. de Zoysa, B.A. and Ph.D. (*K. Y. Kira, New York, N. Y.*) Obviously Buddhist propaganda. That Buddhism is the Religion for America, few will agree. America has yet to develop a characteristic religion of its own. The old forms that have held sway are fast being discovered to be incompatible in many ways with the outlook born of association with the New World. There are signs that America is already developing its own religion which will not be along any of the lines devoted advocates of one-things-after-another stress at the moment. Buddhism, however, is a religion that should be better understood in this country. There is much in it to commend it to American Thought and so far we have had only garbled presentations of chunks of it for propaganda purposes by the cultism that curses our fair land today. This brochure is distinctly good, clear, logical and we wish it might enjoy a wide distribution.



DREAM AND REALITY, Author's name not given. (*Rider & Co., London, Eng.*) Being extracts from letters of a clergyman to his mother, and stated to be a "religious-psychological fantasy." This little volume is unique in that it serves as a vehicle thru which an imaginary parson gives vent to his personal problems. The deficiencies of orthodox teachings are dissected and many of the moot points will meet with a warm response from us

all. Excellent reading. The need of a vital religious attitude and outlook is strest and with this we shall all agree. Maybe this book will strike a responsive note with you, in clarifying some of your own cobwebby ideas.



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HERE IS ANOTHER HEAVEN; By Robert Nathan. (*Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind.*) Curiously interesting and actually intriguing. A picture of Heaven according to orthodox concepts, in which a "converted Jew" finds himself hopelessly out of place. An excellent picture of the kind of Heaven that mysticism teaches us we construct for ourselves according our illusions and prejudices. Eventually, we are glad to learn that "*There is Another Heaven*". We recognize many old friends in this concept of Heaven, perhaps some of us may recognize ourselves. Read it and see whether *you* fit into this heavenly scheme. Unusual, instructive, thought provoking.



ND ON THE THIRD DAY; By Thomas Willing Hicks. (*The Bert Rose Company, Los Angeles, Cal.*) The title page avers that the author was "one of the seventy." Several books purporting to give intimate views of the Christ and His Life and Death have appeared in the last twenty years but so highly imaginative as to be little else than curious demonstrations of the vagaries of thought. The present book, in de luxe form, is a fiction picture of the Christ, purporting to give an explanation of what actually took place on the Third Day, in the secrecy of the Tomb. It is not Christian Science nor is it apparently the propaganda of any cult. But it has many concepts that will appeal powerfully to all mental scientists and mystics. It develops some wholesome ideas that are most constructive and is in line with many of our present day psychological adjustments of Christian doctrinalia. Worth careful reading.



FEEDING THE FAMILY; By Mary Swartz Rose. (*Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y.*). At last! Here's a book on nutrition, diet and safe feeding that is written by a woman who knows her onions so well that she doesn't have to cry while cutting them. Mary Swartz Rose is a genuine Professor of Nutrition, at Columbia University and she's a Ph.D. too. This book is not written for or boosted by any cult, bird-seed guild, or herbivorous bolshevism, but solely in the light of common sense, science, reason and other excellent ingredients. Finely illustrated; tables to make any statistician rejoice; figures for the calorie hounds, ideas for the family chef-ess and—better than all, a splendid treatise on sane eats that makes one hungry even if the appetite has been defunct for a generation or two. A book of 459 pages, that cannot be lightly skimmed. Rules for "all sorts and conditions of men, women and children," in all sorts of conditions of health. Eats for the individual; eats for the family group, food costs, economics, proper preparation—an encyclopaedia. Pay off your doctor and get this book. It will show you how to rectify many "medical errors" and avoid them in the future.



AN INTERPRETATION OF MARS AND THE SIGN ARIES; By Janduz. (*Bibliothèque Leymarie, 42 Rue St. Jacques, Paris*). In French. The title reads "*Methode D'Interpretation du Belier et de Mars*." If we were given the task of writing an 80 page brochure on how to interpret Aries and Mars we would be hard put to it. Nevertheless, that is just what Janduz has done for us at his villa "L'Horizon" in Mongins (*Alpes-Mar.*), France. M. Janduz, who is founder and vice-president of the Astrological Society of France is, we feel, admirably fitted to carry out the rather ambitious idea of writing a good-sized brochure for each of the twelve signs. This year, by the way will see the completion of the next brochure: on Cancer and the Moon. Janduz, has not written a high-flown dissertation on Aries and Mars. Instead he has outlined a useful method of viewing Aries and its ruling planet which he develops in the logical manner we would reasonably expect. The subject matter is drawn very largely from his own experience . . . and this sort of thing is getting to be infrequent, nowadays. Right and wrong methods of interpretations are pointed out and are illustrated by examples, both classical and contemporaneous. The error of interpreting horoscopes regardless of the subjects' sex is stressed and the brochure closes with a most interesting discussion of the religio-philosophical outlook in France, which, to be sure, we would not find elsewhere. If you read French, then by all means send for a copy. There's nothing like it.

MATHER WHITE



STILL ANOTHER
ACCORDING to the Directory of one of our foremost advertising agencies, over 350 publications have had to suspend during the past few months. This would hardly seem to be a propitious time for new ventures. Yet another monthly publication in the field of psychism and occultism made its premiere in January. The new member is "*THE SEER*", published at Carthage, Tunis; edited by Dr. Francis Rolt-Wheeler, who also presides over the destinies of *L'Astrosophie*.

The Seer is printed in English. The initial number contains an unusually good article by Dr. Rolt-Wheeler on *The Art of Prediction* and we await the continuation with anticipation. A Rutot presents a paper on *The Energetism Theory* that compels consideration, and Dr. Mollet's article on *Curing a Person Bewitched* "proves interest. May the new publication "live long and prosper."

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